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Ed Miliband: Government must help if big influx of immigrants

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TORY-LED Kent County Council has won the support of Labour leader Ed Miliband in its bid to ensure it has support in place should there be a fresh flood of immigrants into the county.

Labour movement restrictions are lifted next year for those living in Romania and Bulgaria.

While a Foreign Office-commissioned report found the probability of "significant" migration was low it admits when the restrictions are scrapped in January 2014, the focus for Romanian and Bulgarian migrants will be the south east.

And that could lead to pressure on public services, such as schools and housing which are already straining.

County Hall leader Paul Carter says the risk of even low levels of additional demand on already overstretched budgets needs to be considered.

He is due to call on his cabinet tomorrow (Monday) to agree to a report looking at the impact and potential squeeze on services, so the authority can plan accordingly. And it has gained the support of the Labour Party, with leader Ed Miliband backing Cllr Carter's plan to get prepared.

During a visit to Maidstone this week, the leader of the opposition told KoS: "One of the things we need to get right for the future is to get resources to the right places where there is pressure from immigration.

"The Government should be coming up with proposals to deal with this to ensure places under pressure have the resources to cope."

The situation has become a political hot potato, with political parties on the

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IN MEMORY: Ahead of her funeral, we look back at her impact on Kent – **SEE INSIDE**

ELECTIONS

Big guns set for polling day

POLITICAL heavyweights descended on the county this week ahead of the county elections on May 2.

Labour leader Ed Miliband and Ukip's Nigel Farage made visits, while the Conservatives unveiled their manifesto in a bid to once again dominate at County Hall. **PAGE 2**

HEALTH

Dread grows of dementia

IN SOME age groups dementia is now a more terrifying prospect than cancer, according to health chiefs.

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Royal home's £4.95m sale

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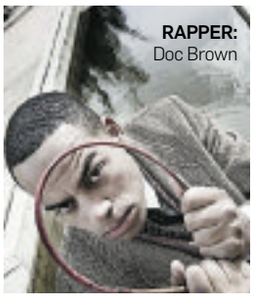

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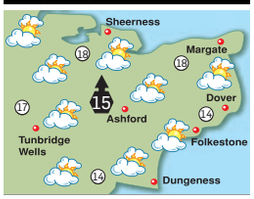

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COMMUNITY

Fears primary schools will struggle to cope under demand of even low-level immigration

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right, such as Ukip, claiming in its county council election literature "up to 29 million" people could head to the UK.

In its manifesto, Ukip leader Nigel Farage claims: "If we want to keep the NHS free, prevent developers from concreting over the countryside, protect our pensioners and our young people seeking work, something must be done."

Recent history, however, would suggest this is unlikely to be the case and that the influx, for example, of Polish people into the county actually boosted the local economy by easing labour market shortages in some sectors.

A report by the National Institute for Economic and Social Research (NIESR), commissioned and funded by the British Embassy, this week challenged claims there would be an influx of Romanian and Bulgarian immigrants next year.

It stated there would not be "significant" migration.

Labour movement restrictions have been in place since the two Eastern European countries joined the EU in 2007, with limits as to the kind of work they can come here to do.

But fears are with Romanians and Bulgarians free to move over here easily for work once restrictions are lifted, additional pressure will be placed on already overstretched services.

Kent is already tackling a primary school crisis, with some 10,000 extra places needed by 2016 – the equivalent of more than 40 primary schools.

And with KCC forced to cut £94 million from its budget for 2013/14 due to cuts in government grants, the question is whether the county – as the gateway to England – will be able to cope, even with low levels of immigration.

In a cabinet meeting tomorrow, Cllr Carter will call on fellow members to agree to a report by the corporate management team looking at:

- The potential extent of Bulgarian and Romanian migration to Kent
- The risk for additional demand on services including school places (particularly primary), housing (particularly social) and children's services (in particular specialist children's services)
- What plans can be put in place to mitigate and manage any risks for additional demand for KCC services.

In his report to cabinet Cllr Carter states: "Despite the UK Government and NIESR conclusion that the impact of migration from Bulgarian and Romanian citizens will likely be low at the national level, the risk of even relatively low levels of additional demand at the local level on already overstretched budgets needs to be considered and prepared for as far as possible."

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POLITICS

Battle lines drawn as party leaders on the campaign trail for county elections

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THE political big guns were rolled out this week as the county saw campaigning for the upcoming county elections get under way.

Labour leader Ed Miliband took a jaunt through the county on Tuesday – holding an impromptu question and answer session in Maidstone town centre – while Ukip's Nigel Farage addressed crowds in Tunbridge Wells.

Meanwhile, the ruling Conservatives unveiled their manifesto, which they hope will keep them in power.

Indeed, it would take a seismic shift in voting patterns for the Tories to lose control given their dominance. However, with support for Ukip and Labour gaining ground, the opportunity for some surprises remains very real.

Ed Miliband visited Greenhithe, Gravesend and Maidstone, and was buzzing with confidence his party could win back support. Labour took a massive hit in the 2009 Kent County Council elections, losing all but two of its 21 seats.

Speaking to crowds in Maidstone he accused the government of taking the country "in the wrong direction".

He said: "We can turn things around, we can start putting people back to work and let's start building houses again. We need to change the way we do politics by taking it to the streets, as we are doing in Kent."

He also vowed to end "rip-off rail fares" by capping increases on all routes.

Although Mr Miliband was swift to dismiss the threat of an apparently resurgent Ukip, all three main parties will be keeping one eye over their shoulder in the run up to the May 2 polling day.

KCC leader Paul Carter admitted Ukip presents a threat to the Tories, but stated that his party has the "experience and track record" to prove it "can be trusted to provide high quality services".

"We cut waste and focus on the services residents need – that's why Kent's council tax is low and hasn't been increased for three years," he said.

But Ukip will not be silenced so easily.

Party leader Nigel Farage, who lives in Westerham, said: "Councils should be more responsive to local people, and less in thrall to central government. Councils should exist to serve their communities, not just spend their money."

The Lib Dems have remained relatively quiet so far.

The national party has experienced a drop in support since the Coalition was formed, which was reflected in district and borough election results in 2011.

Among its pledges, the party manifesto vows to fix and make safer the county's roads, make Kent a greener county and to provide better local services.

ON THE ROAD: Maidstone shoppers meet Ed Miliband

2009 ELECTION

When the county last voted for the make up of County Hall, the Tories gained a massive 19 seats, losing just two, and holding onto 55.

Labour was almost completely wiped out, losing 19 seats and holding on to just two.

The Lib Dems gained two, lost one and held firm on five – putting them as the main opposition for the Conservatives. With changes since then, Kent County Council is: Conservative 73, Lib Dems 7, Labour 3, Ukip 1 and Independent 1.

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UP IN THE CLOUDS: London Mayor Boris Johnson wants a new hub airport built in the Thames Estuary to be named after the Iron Lady Mrs Thatcher

AVIATION

Boris calls for estuary airport to be named after Thatcher... 'No, no, no' insist fierce critics

By Chris Britcher
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A PROPOSED multi-billion pound airport hub touted for the Thames Estuary should be named after the late prime minister Margaret Thatcher, London Mayor Boris Johnson insists.

But the proposal has been blasted by opponents who said it was "ill-timed" publicity seeking.

Mr Johnson – himself tipped as a future leader of the country – has already called for a statue to be erected in Mrs Thatcher's honour in central London.

His voice has joined a growing chorus calling for the woman dubbed the 'Iron Lady' to be the subject of a permanent memorial.

Now he says the airport he has long championed to ease the south east's aviation capacity problem – which he wants sited off the north Kent coast – should bear the Thatcher name.

He said: "Mega airports are springing up all over the Continent that are stealing British trade and are a threat to our economy.

"It is why this country so desperately needs a new four-runway hub airport and I can think of no name that would strike greater fear into the hearts of our European rivals than Margaret Thatcher International Airport."

Those living in Medway may not quite embrace the proposals so warmly.

It was Mrs Thatcher's government which closed the naval dockyard at Chatham in 1984 – a move which dealt a devastating blow to the towns' economy and to thousands of families.

Medway councillor Tristan Osborne, who will be standing for Labour in the next General Election for Chatham and Aylesford, mimicked one of the late leader's most famous responses, in his comments on the proposal.

He said: "Boris seeking to make publicity for this idea is an ill-timed intervention in questionable taste.

"It is time Tories stopped putting names to airports and actually gave local people a direct say via a unitary authority-wide ballot. I believe the people of Medway will want to send a message to our Conservative MPs: no, no, no."

Labour leader on Medway Council, Vince Maple, added: "Our position is that whatever the name of the airport, we do not support the principle. It's wrong for UK PLC and wrong for Kent."

All the local Conservative MPs oppose the airport plans.

The former Conservative Party leader died aged 87 on Monday after a stroke.

Her funeral will take place on Wednesday, with a procession from Westminster to St Paul's Cathedral.

ARTS

Creative pioneers show their support for culture city bid

DESIGNER Wayne Hemingway and architect Sir David Chipperfield have both thrown their weight behind a bid by east Kent to become the UK City of Culture in 2017.

The duo have strong links to the county, with Mr Hemingway recently commissioned to design the re-imagined Dreamland site and Sir David having designed the Turner Contemporary – both situated in Margate.

The creative pioneers pledged their support ahead of the initial bid deadline on April 30.

The national competition is organised by the Department for Media, Culture and Sport (DCMS) and was inspired by the European City of Culture contest, won by Liverpool in 2008.

The UK-only contest is awarded once every four years and should trigger enormous publicity and investment into the winning area.

Should it beat off the competition from rivals – which include Chester, Plymouth, Portsmouth and Southampton, Hastings and Bexhill, Southend and Leicester – it would get the chance to host some major international events that could include the likes of the Turner Prize.

Kent County Council is spearheading the bid in a joint partnership with the local authorities of Ashford, Canterbury, Dover, Shepway and Thanet, and a host of arts organisations.

It confirmed it will promote the area under the slogan East Kent: A City Imagined.

Mr Hemingway said: "East Kent is clearly finding its cultural mojo."

TRIBUNAL

Apprentice star loses her case against Lord Sugar

WINNER of BBC TV show the Apprentice, Stella English, has lost her employment tribunal case against Lord Sugar.

Miss English, 34, from Whitstable, had claimed a case of constructive dismissal against the business mogul, who handed her a £100,000 contract with computer firm Viglen in 2010 after her win.

Miss English said she felt like "an overpaid lackey" in the job.

Following Friday's outcome, Lord Sugar described the decision as "a victory for the law against the claim culture".

The tribunal said: "There was no dismissal of the claimant – the claimant resigned."

Lord Sugar had previously said he believed the constructive dismissal claim was "an attempt to extract money" from him.

WILDLIFE

Three elephants die over 10-day period

BOSSES at the county's leading wildlife parks are mourning after three of their elephants died in the space of two weeks.

They all died in unrelated incidents – two at Howletts in Bekesbourne, near Canterbury, and the other at Port Lympne near Hythe.

On April 2, a female elephant was injured by another in her herd and had to be put down. Then on Wednesday, a second female was having treatment for an infection in one of her back legs but collapsed and did not recover.

And to complete the trio of tragedy, on Thursday a female at Port Lympne found herself unable to get to her feet and had to be put to sleep.

A spokesman said: "The deaths are almost certainly completely coincidental."

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OBITUARY

County that stole Iron Lady's heart

Ahead of her funeral on Wednesday, **Nick Ames** looks at Margaret Thatcher's long-running association with a county where she began her political career and would ultimately exercise enormous influence over

THERE is probably a strong argument to say that Margaret Thatcher was one of the modern era's single biggest influences on our county.

In decisions which would divide Kent much as she did the nation, she oversaw the closure of the mining industry in the east and with the closure of the naval dockyard at Chatham, would blow an enormous hole into Medway's traditional economic backbone.

It was under her watch the deal to build the Channel Tunnel was built; another decision which had a profound effect on so many parts of the county.

Your political opinion will determine whether you felt her a profound influence for good or bad.

Yet her death this week ended numerous connections with Kent, the county which saw her take her first steps into the political arena and provided an escape when she reached the height of her power.

In 1949, the future prime minister, then known simply as Margaret Hilda Roberts, was nominated by the Conservate Party to contest the parliamentary seat of Dartford – her first attempt to get into the House of Commons.

The 24-year-old fought the seat twice; first in 1950 and again 18 months later when the then-Labour government sought to build on its slender majority. It backfired and the Tories triumphed. But not in Dartford. She would increase her share of the vote, but lose on both occasions.

But her early political attributes did achieve the recognition of one man.

FOND MEMORIES: Mrs Thatcher held Kent in special regard after early attempts to become an MP here

The Vicar of Meopham, the Rev Vernon Nichols, spoke of her when she was guest at an event organised by the Association of Men of Kent and Kentish Men: "She is a charming lady who, I am quite sure, will make a great name for herself in the coming months."

Responding, the then-Miss Roberts said: "We are very glad indeed, those of us who are thorough imports, to be living in the county of Kent.

"From afar we admired you throughout the war and I think no-one, except those who either lived here or came here, knew just how much you went through. Can you wonder why some of us come to live in Kent with all that.

"When we came to live here we found one other thing – you stole our hearts."

She also referred back to World War Two while speaking of her political philosophy to Dartford Young Conservatives at their garden fête, held in the grounds of Ashdown House.

The future first British woman PM said: "In wartime there was a slogan – 'It all depends on me'. I suggest the Young Conservatives bring back the slogan, because unless each one of us does our bit to put the country on its feet, no-one else will."

It was in the town she met her husband Denis, when both attended a trade fair organised for the paint industry.

Mrs Thatcher applied to contest the Canterbury seat in 1953, but was turned down by the local selection committee.

She would eventually win in Finchley, the seat she represented for the rest of her political career. By 1979 she was handed the keys to Number 10.

But when the stresses of Westminster became overwhelming she decided Kent was an ideal refuge. Together with Denis, she used a flat in the grounds of Scotney Castle in Lamberhurst as her bolt-hole. The couple also owned two other properties in the village.

One of the flat's bathrooms remains decorated in the wallpaper put up by Margaret and Denis Thatcher, and the iron bath used by the Iron Lady remains in the apartment.

The property was chosen because the security services felt able to keep the prime minister and her husband safe during their time in Kent.

They used to set up camp in the nearby woods and it was reported at the time that Mrs Thatcher slept in a bed with a bulletproof headboard.

But she was frequently seen in both the grounds and the village, even donating clothes to an appeal at the primary school, while Denis was also a keen golfer on the nearby Lamberhurst course.

During election campaigns she made a number of visits to the county, while Canterbury Cathedral was the scene of her signing the so-called 'Fixed Link Agreement' – which paved the way for the Channel Tunnel – alongside French President Francois Mitterand.

A more sombre visit came in 1989, when she was at the bedside in Dover Hospital of Royal Marines badly wounded in the IRA bombing of their Deal barracks in which 11 young bandsmen died and 21 were seriously injured.

In December 1990, the month after Mrs Thatcher's resignation as Prime Minister, it was announced Denis Thatcher would be created a baronet – the first such creation since 1964.

The award was published in February 1991, giving his title as Sir Denis Thatcher, 1st Baronet, of Scotney in the County of Kent.

This made her Lady Thatcher – although subsequently she was made a baroness in her own right.

Castle's portrait remembers Maggie 'as I was at the height of my power and when I was much younger'

A PORTRAIT of Mrs Thatcher – capturing her during the peak of her powers in Downing Street – has been put on public display at Hever Castle.

The work of acclaimed portrait painter June Mendoza, it involved six two-hour sittings which took place in 1983 at 10 Downing Street and Chequers.

It was subsequently purchased from the artist in 1999, by the Guthrie family, Hever Castle's current owners.

Baroness Thatcher visited Hever Castle in the summer of 1999 to see the portrait in its new setting.

In a letter thanking Mr and Mrs Guthrie for their hospitality and opportunity to visit the castle, she wrote: "I am greatly honoured it is being placed in such a commanding position in that lovely room.

"Moreover, as one gets older, it is good to think that I shall be remembered as I was at the height of power and when I was very much younger!"

It will remain on display until her funeral.

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"She was, in my view, our greatest peace-time prime minister. She took this country from an economic laughing stock to it becoming an economic triumph.

"She gave Britain back its national pride.

"She was brave, gallant, extremely committed and very clear as to what it was she was trying to achieve."

Julian Brazier, Canterbury MP

"Lady Thatcher stood unsuccessfully as the candidate in Dartford twice and retained a strong affection for the area.

"There are many activists in Dartford Conservative Association who actually helped campaign for Margaret Thatcher.

"You will still now hear them refer to her as Margaret Roberts, as that was her name at the time."

Gareth Johnson, Dartford MP

"When I was an MP I spoke to her a number of times in the lobby – and it was always with a certain amount of trepidation.

"She would fire off questions – not to intimidate, but to get the answers.

"She'd absorb what you had to say and if appropriate she would change her mind."

Former Gravesham MP Jacques Arnold

"She faced enormous challenges when she became prime minister. The country was in decline, many people thought it was in terminal decline. But she saved it and for that we owe her a great debt."

Former Folkestone MP Michael Howard (now Lord Howard of Lympne)

"She encouraged self-reliance, the empowerment of individuals and the business community. A conviction politician who told the country straight what was needed and what she thought, and was not put off course by opinion polls and media spin.

"Modern day politicians should take note."

Paul Carter, Kent County Council leader

"She was clearly a determined, but also a divisive leader.

"In reducing the iron grip of the unions, she destroyed much of the heavy iron, steel, engineering and mining industry across the country including in the Kent coalfields.

"The communities which relied on those industries suffered greatly as a result, and are still recovering from it."

Trudy Dean, leader of the Liberal Democrats on Kent County Council

"I RESPECT any MP from any background or party and especially someone who led this country for more than 11 years.

"However, as a politician who spent many years in east Kent, I can only say that the sweeping pit closures enforced by Thatcher's government devastated many communities."

Gordon Cowan, leader of the Labour Party

"Her relationship with President Ronald Reagan brought a new depth to the special bond between Britain and America, and she was the first international leader to recognise Mikhail Gorbachev was, as she put it, a Soviet with whom the West could do business.

"In Europe, while steadfastly defending the interests of Britain, she played a leading role in bringing countries from Eastern Europe into the European community."

Michael Turner, Mayor of Bromley

"Her death marks the end of a political era.

"To those who were proud to be able to count her not just as a political colleague, but as a friend she will be remembered for many acts of unsung kindness and solicitude.

"Not for nothing was she affectionately known by her young MPs and party officials as 'Mother'."

Sir Roger Gale, North Thanet MP

"Mrs Thatcher was staunch in her defence of the people of the Falklands and bravely defied the attempt of IRA terrorists to murder her.

"She was Britain's first woman Prime Minister and our greatest leader since the war.

"Tunbridge Wells has a long and special, connection with Margaret Thatcher.

"Before she became prime minister, Mr and Mrs Thatcher lived partly in a flat at Scotney Castle, near Lamberhurst, and the Tunbridge Wells Conservative Association was immensely proud she was our patron."

Greg Clark, Tunbridge Wells MP

'I afford her family what she never gave any miner's family; my commiserations'

THE battle to close much of Britain's coal mines will, for many, define Mrs Thatcher's premiership.

The fact the dispute spilled into Kent and its once thriving industry is frequently overlooked.

Nowhere was the bitterness felt more than at places such as Betteshanger, which closed down in 1989.

Former miner Gary Cox took part in the infamous miners' strikes of 1984-85 and now runs heritage events remembering the days of the coalfields.

Here is his very personal reaction to the death of Margaret Thatcher.

"I know how painful it is to lose a mother and how it affects the family.

So I afford Margaret Thatcher's family some consideration that she never afforded mine or any other miner's family; my commiserations.

However, nothing has changed for me; I have hated her for so long that her passing will have no effect on that.

Our miners in Kent were breaking productivity records on the day they shut the pits.

They did not do that in defiance against the closure, they did it because they were proud, hard-working men who would not turn their back on their duty of being custodians of the pits.

We are sat on billions of tons of coal, very good quality coal. The damage and despair of closing those pits is still evident today.

Workers from all over the country came to Kent more than 100 years ago and shaped our history, in our towns and villages. To call those miners [as Thatcher did] "the enemy within" was, and will always be, unforgivable.

Now we are only remembered for the strike and for bearing the name of militants.

Kent miners, along with every other area in the UK, voted unanimously to take industrial action if the coal board decided to close any viable pit, other than those deemed exhausted or un-economical, due to geological reasons.

Thatcher used this vote to destroy us.

As for being militant, I can remember my Dad telling me he and his gang had been sent home for refusing to do their job. When I asked him why, he explained the tunnel they were working in was two-thirds full of water and they refused to work in dangerous conditions.

I called him a sissy, but he said if they agreed this would set a precedent and others would have to work in those dangerous conditions.

My father and his gang were prepared to do the work, but not prepared to risk the lives of future coal miners."

Dockyard closure ended town's naval legacy and created devastation still being felt today

AS PART of the Thatcher government's policy of cutting back state spending, Chatham Dockyard – home to the Royal Navy for 400 years – was closed down.

The announcement that more than 10,000 people would lose their jobs was made in 1982, and the axe fell two years later.

It would result in the industrial heartland of the Medway towns being devastated – the impact of which is still felt today.

Paul Clark served as Gillingham MP for 13 years from 1997 and is Labour's parliamentary candidate to once again fight the seat he lost at the last election.

But during the 1980s he was a member of Gillingham Borough Council.

"It was ironic that it always used to be put about that the Conservatives had a strong focus on defence so the dockyard was vulnerable under a Labour government," he said.

"Yet it was the Conservatives who closed it all down, as part of their policy of rolling back the state. Cutting public spending was part of that so defence budgets were cut.

"It was a case of private is good, public is bad.

"The effect of the closure was a body blow to Medway. You take away more than 10,000 jobs and that is devastating for the local economy as all that money goes and other businesses suffer as a result.

"There were also engineering businesses which had grown up and thrived alongside the dockyard that were closed or moved locations."

As for his opinion on Mrs Thatcher, Mr Clark said: "One of the things that marked her out was her determination and focus to do what she felt was right. But there were also the tens of thousands of men, women and families who were adversely affected and I feel there are issues about her concern for them."

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YOUTH PCC

'The PCC exposed a vulnerable 17-year-old to public scrutiny without giving it a thought'

Experts speak out against 'irresponsible' management that led to Paris Brown tweets furore

By Marijke Cox
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SCHOLARS have piled pressure on the county's Police and Crime Commissioner, Ann Barnes, after accusing her of "irresponsible" management of the Paris Brown affair.

Miss Brown, 17, from Sheerness, was appointed by Mrs Barnes just ten days ago to work alongside her in providing a voice for Kent's youngsters.

But after the Mail on Sunday exposed a host of messages the teenager had posted on her Twitter website, she was savagely attacked in the press and on Tuesday announced she would not be taking up the £15,000 one-year post. Her role as the nation's first Youth Police and Crime Commissioner was over before it had even started.

But while the teenager will now step away from the spotlight and attempt to rebuild her shattered reputation, the question of who is to blame remains heavy in the air.

Professor of social policy at the University of Kent, Frank Furedi, said the matter was likely to make Miss Brown "stronger and wiser" but he questioned the common sense of the team around her.

SPLIT UP: Paris Brown was chosen to be the Youth PCC by Ann Barnes, but ended up declining the post less than a week after she was selected due to a number of inappropriate comments she posted on Twitter

He said: "I think the management of this was irresponsible. I call into question their own capacity to manage an institution like this.

"Anyone with a modicum of common sense would have asked her [Miss Brown] whether there was anything that could come back to haunt her or has she got anything that could compromise her position.

"The fact this was never checked shows Ann Barnes was childish in doing an adult job.

"As it happens, the problem here is not Paris Brown, it's the person who appointed her.

"Serious questions have been raised about their own authority."

His comments were echoed by fellow University of Kent academic, professor of journalism, Tim Luckhurst.

"The person to blame here is the PCC who exposed a vulnerable 17-year-old to public scrutiny without giving it a moment's thought – she knew she would be looked at carefully by the press," said Mr Luckhurst.

"As far as the youth commissioner position is concerned, that person is not going to be the voice of anybody. That's not their fault, it's the fact they haven't been voted in."

Mrs Barnes, who introduced the youth position as part of her manifesto, argues this should not be a "blame game".

As she denied claims the post was merely a publicity stunt, which has backfired in such dramatic fashion, the pressure on her to consider her own position has grown.

Mrs Barnes insists a blame culture "seldom achieves anything" but admitted the responsibility falls on her shoulders, saying: "I am

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YOUTH PCC

Call for Ann Barnes to resign over fiasco

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responsible for this situation and I was and am prepared to take the heat alone."

However, speaking to KoS after Miss Brown confirmed she was stepping down, the PCC was swift to argue that the police vetting process did not include the scrutiny of social networking sites for the grade of post.

She is set to launch an independent review into the matter, looking into communication protocols between Kent Police and the office of the PCC.

"My office employed the normal procedures and we asked Paris whether there was anything we should know about and she said no; I honestly believe this is because she just didn't think about those tweets," said Mrs Barnes.

But did they not think to check? With a campaign team consisting of one of Kent's most high profile media campaigners, Peter Carroll, some argue it was a silly mistake made by people who should have known better.

"With such a high profile role, it seems extremely lax of those individuals to have not carried out checks on the candidates' social media," Medway Labour leader, Vince Maple, said.

Dai Liyanage, who also ran for the PCC role against Mrs Barnes, was more forthright. The independent candidate said simply Mrs Barnes "should resign for this disgraceful cock-up".

Yet the PCC insists that she will continue to seek a replacement for Miss Brown, who had been due to take up the role in September after completing an apprenticeship at Swale Borough Council.

"I'll start this again in the summer with a whole new batch of applicants," she said.

"I need to reflect on what's happened. I will certainly be checking their social networking sites, and this will be a lesson to a lot of young people."

MP for Folkestone and Hythe, Damian Collins, said the post should never have been created and his fellow parliamentarian Laura Sandys, MP for Thanet South, called it a "gimmick".

■ **See www.kentnews.co.uk and search 'Paris' to read the full statements issued on Tuesday by both Paris Brown and Ann Barnes during the press conference.**

And let us know your opinion on the whole Youth PCC tweets affair. Write to: The Editor, KoS, Apple Barn, Hythe Road, Smeeth, Ashford TN25 6SS.

KOS COMMENT

For all the furore which has surrounded her, spare a thought this weekend for Paris Brown.

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Instead she will awake this weekend with her name and reputation in tatters. A national joke. A victim of the naïvety of youth and the error of judgement of adults who should know better.

There is no excusing her comments; they were both offensive and ill-thought out. But her age is an enormous mitigating factor. The ferocity of the attack she endured, however, at the hands of the national press scenting a kill, inexcusable.

Of course there is blame to be apportioned. And Ann Barnes, for all her refreshing honesty, needs to think long and hard about the way her team have handled this whole affair.

Paris Brown has become a victim who will pay a very high price for what has happened this week. But the adults which surrounded her have ultimately proved to be far more naïve. The blood of Paris Brown will stain their hands for years to come.

TIMELINE

Wednesday, April 3

Ann Barnes announces Paris Brown as the Youth Police and Crime Commissioner – chosen from 164 applicants. Salary: £15,000 a year.

Thursday & Friday, April 4-5

Mrs Barnes and Miss Brown appear on a host of news programmes discussing the youth role. As the first in the UK, she attracts plenty of attention and generates plenty of positive publicity.

Saturday, April 6

Paris Brown is interviewed by the Mail on Sunday. After a 90-minute chat for a 'profile' piece, she is asked about her offensive tweets.

Sunday, April 7

The Mail on Sunday puts on its front page details of Twitter posts made by Miss Brown between the ages of 14 and 16.

The tweets include "I want to f****** cut everyone around me".

Other comments refer to gay people as "fags". She also described herself as racist when drunk.

By the end of the day, a tearful Miss Brown finds herself back on national television – this time making an apology.

Mrs Barnes vows to stick by her, despite calls for the youngster to step down.

Monday, April 8

Calls intensify for both to resign. Youth commissioner post branded a "gimmick". Kent Police launches a criminal investigation into offensive tweets following complaints from the public.

Tuesday, April 9

A press conference is called where Miss Brown confirms she will not be accepting the job. Mrs Barnes insists she will recruit another to the role.

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TECHNOLOGY

Silver surfers seek talented editor to help them connect

Chris Murphy finds out more about Gransnet's Kent ambition

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A WEBSITE aimed at 'silver surfers' has been set up hoping to help web-phobic over-50s in the county find a happy start to using the internet.

Designed to be easy to navigate, Gransnet has already proved a hit nationwide since its launch several years ago.

But now it is rolling out a host of regional sites, designed to create busy forums where users can chat, ask advice and make friends.

Nationally, Gransnet has won support from the likes of author Kathy Lette, TV presenter Judy Finnegan and actor Timothy Spall.

The Kent site is still pretty bare, but it's hoped, once an editor is appointed, it will start drawing in visitors as content expands.

It will have information on events, classes, volunteering opportunities, things for sale, jobs and details on social meetings in the area.

Officially launched so far are pages in Blackburn, Edinburgh, Oxfordshire and Worthing.

The local sites have been unleashed thanks to cash from the charity Nominet Trust, which helps fund technology projects with a social purpose.

It is calculated by communications watchdog Ofcom that some 7.5 million UK adults have never been online, with 40 per cent of those being over 75.

The company said it is on the lookout for a Kent editor who will be paid £100 a month for a year, and can then earn more by selling advertising to clubs and businesses.

A company spokesman told us: "We don't yet have an editor for the Kent area, but the fact that anonymous locals and businesses have already populated the site with listings, shows it's a busy and popular area.

"We are looking for an enthusiastic, sociable person with their finger firmly on the pulse of the Kent community. They'd populate the site with listings, encourage businesses to advertise, for which they'd keep 100 per cent of local revenue, and organise meet-ups."

Gransnet founder Geraldine Bedell said: "Our members have already started meeting up of their own accord and local sites will make that much easier.

"Occasionally in the past our members have admitted to sometimes feeling lonely. Gransnet Local will extend the support and friendship we offer online into meet-ups and will provide a forum to discuss everything that's going on in the area."

■ **To be considered as the editor, email local@gransnet.com for further details, also see http://local.gransnet.com/kent to find out more.**

FRIENDSHIP: The Gransnet website aims to help the over-50s to engage with their community, and is looking for an editor to fully implement the service in Kent

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EDUCATION

Ofsted exposes military school issues

Special KoS Report **Marijke Cox** examines education watchdog's report into 'serious welfare incidents' at historic boarding school after concerns were highlighted by parents and governors

A PRESTIGIOUS military school has been the focus of an emergency investigation by education watchdog Ofsted following allegations of "serious welfare incidents".

Concerned parents spoke to KoS in January, raising concerns about the historic Duke of York's Royal Military School in Dover, which in 2010 moved from being an independent boarding school to a state-run academy.

But when we investigated, both the school and Department for Education flatly denied there had been any issues.

Yet, this week, Ofsted published the results of an emergency unannounced social care inspection earlier this year.

It had been triggered by concerned governors who had indentified "a number of problems during 2011/12".

And it confirmed there had been two "serious incidents" affecting boarders.

Parents have suggested they were suicide attempts – claims the school could not confirm or deny when KoS put the allegations to them.

A spokeswoman for the school told us: "It is really important to respect strict child protection rules and this means we cannot go into details; suffice to say there was one serious incident which was unrelated to school issues and resulted in no harm to the student, and one lesser incident which was a result of serious homesickness."

The Ofsted report also refers to a "serious bullying incident" the previous year which resulted in a major exodus of staff.

Sixteen staff members left the school in 2012, among them previous headteacher Charles Johnson. He was replaced by Chris Russell.

Since then, the school, which dates back 200 years, insists it has eradicated the previous problems – an opinion supported by the Ofsted report and the Department for Education.

MYSTERY: Duke of York's Royal Military School was subject of an emergency Ofsted visit

In its report, Ofsted said: "There are clear development plans being implemented, but there is still some way to go to ensure these are fully embedded."

But it remains unclear why the school denied any untoward incidents had taken place just weeks prior to the report's publication.

Ofsted carried out the inspection in February, in response to "concerns received about the care of boarders at the school". In the report, inspectors stated there had been a "serious bullying incident" in May 2011 resulting in an internal inquiry.

"This uncovered wider concerns regarding safeguarding practices at the school," the report stated.

"As a result, the school has undergone significant personnel changes with the departure of 16 staff, including members of the senior management team.

"In the summer of 2012 a new senior leadership team took over, and in September 2012 there were two serious welfare incidents affecting a particular year group of boarders. This has resulted in a robust review of welfare policies and procedures being undertaken."

But parents, who spoke to this newspaper questioned why problems had not been dealt with earlier.

They said they had been made to feel like troublemakers when raising concerns with the school and it was only now, with the publication of the Ofsted report, they felt vindicated.

In a statement, the school said the Ofsted report had shown concerns about care of boarders at the school "were not substantiated".

However, it went on to explain action had been taken to address "a number of problems identified by the governing body of the school during 2011-12".

The spokeswoman said: "This action included the appointment in June 2012 of a new executive principal with a highly successful track record of school improvement.

"The new leadership team introduced a range of measures designed to effect significant and long-term cultural change as well as a change in working practices which would strengthen safeguarding arrangements at the school.

"The senior leadership team is to be further strengthened through the appointment of a new assistant principal with specific responsibility for student health and welfare.

"While there is no room for complacency, it is important to emphasise the problems identified by the school in 2011/12 are now historic. Ofsted is clear effective remedial action has been taken and that complaints which triggered the report were not upheld by Ofsted.

"In conclusion, strong and effective leadership action has addressed historic issues and has received the endorsement of the statutory agencies and the students themselves."

A DfE spokesman said Duke of York's had taken measures to address "serious concerns".

"We will monitor progress closely and will not hesitate to intervene if the required improvements are not made," said a spokesman.

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AIRPORT

Mixed reaction as Lydd expansion gets go-ahead

By Marijke Cox
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CAMPAIGNERS against Lydd Airport's expansion have vowed to take legal action against the Government's decision to allow plans to go ahead.

Some six years after proposals were first put forward, it was announced this week that owners Lydd Holdings Ltd will be allowed to push forward with a £25 million development at the airport on the Romney Marsh.

It includes a 300 metre runway extension, plus 150m starter extension and a new terminal building capable of handling up to 500,000 passengers a year.

The latest plans received a fierce backlash from campaigners, including many residents, who cited environmental reasons as well as noise pollution. Some also raised concerns over the airport's proximity to Dungeness power station.

Others, however, including MP for Folkestone and Hythe Damian Collins, said the expansion would boost employment in the area.

Shepway District Council approved plans in 2010, but the Government stepped in and a public inquiry was launched in 2011, with this latest decision made in line with the planning inspector's recommendations.

Lydd Airport executive manager Hani Mutlaq said the government's decision was "a victory for common sense and for the people of Romney Marsh". He vowed that his team would move ahead quickly with delivering an "ambitious project to create jobs, boost tourism and revitalise a long-standing economic blackspot".

STORM CLOUDS: Decision to allow Lydd Airport to expand faces legal action from those against move

"We submitted our applications in December 2006 and it has been a long road," he said. "The right choice has been made for the community."

Airport owners are seeking a meeting with Shepway council planners to begin the process of ensuring any environmental issues, noise and traffic matters are tackled.

But while airport owners were celebrating, those opposed vowed to take legal action.

Lydd Airport Action Group argued that the development infringed "at least two" European directives concerning habitats and nuclear safety.

The group argues the expansion would pose a risk to the public due to the proximity to Dungeness, which is less than three miles away.

"It means in the future, large aircraft such as the Boeing 737, weighing over 70 tonnes fully loaded, will be taking off and landing 60 seconds' flight time away from the nuclear power complex," LAAG said. "The risk of crash damage and the consequences of an accident are too great."

The group has vowed to take legal action against the decision, and has filed for infringement proceedings.

Bird group the RSPB was also shocked, stating it was "profoundly concerned for the future of one of the UK's most important and iconic wildlife sites". It said the decision went against the wishes of local people, who voted two to one against the airport's plans in a local referendum.

RSPB's conservation director Martin Harper said: "This is the wrong decision as it opens the door to real damage to Dungeness, to its wildlife and the quality of life for many of its residents and risks destroying a unique asset.

"We will be taking time to review the detail of the decision – and to plan our next steps."

Director of CPRE Protect Kent, Hilary Newport, called the decision "extremely concerning", adding: "It clearly shows the government is more concerned with pounds than people."

But while there were many opposed, others support the plans for Lydd, which caters for executive jets, helicopters, private light aircraft and cargo flying and handles around 22,000 aircraft movements a year.

Expansion will allow larger planes to fly, with airport owners stating this will open up a small network of scheduled services to places including Belfast, Dublin, Glasgow and Edinburgh.

"In time, additional charter services would be operated along with services to European cities, such as Barcelona, Geneva and Madrid for business and leisure needs," said an airport spokesman.

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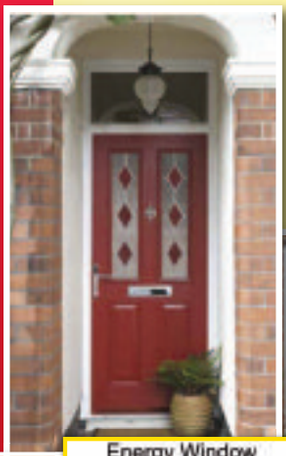

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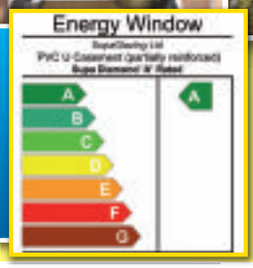

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GOLDEN GOAL: Danny Kedwell scores the goal that gave the Gills promotion from npower League Two

By Greg Miles
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GILLINGHAM chairman Paul Scally was back to his bullish best this week as rekindled his five-year plan to get the club into the Premier League.

The team's 1-0 win over Torquay United last Saturday, in front of home fans at their Priestfield Stadium, guaranteed they would be rising out of League Two, ending a three-season stay in the professional game's lowest tier.

And now Mr Scally is setting his sights sky-high after reigniting his claims the club can make it all the way to the top of the football pyramid.

He told KoS: "In five years time I would like to be in the top end of the Championship [one step below the Premier League], if not challenging for a top spot."

But he insists Gillingham's success can only be fuelled by the club relocating to a new home.

Priestfield has a capacity of just over 11,500, but Mr Scally insists there is a need for a purpose-built venue capable of attracting big crowds and generating the serious revenues required to help fund a push to the world's most lucrative league.

He quipped: "I wouldn't want to be in the Premier League in our current stadium; it wouldn't be the end of the world, but it wouldn't be suitable for the Premiership.

"However, if I was getting £70 million a year in television money I could live with it."

Mr Scally says he remains keen on building on the Mill Hill site at Chatham Docks – subject to major redevelopment and the focus of the club's aborted bid to move there last summer.

He says a planning application for the new stadium, complete with leisure complex, will be submitted to Medway Council at the end of the year.

Meanwhile, fans will see ticket prices rise for League One games next season.

The chairman said: "I envisage there will be an increase; whether it will be small or large I'm not sure. I'm going to try and make it as competitive as possible.

"There are more costs in League One; wages are higher, bonuses more expensive. We haven't had a price increase for three or four years. We absorbed the 2.5 per cent VAT increase the Government imposed, but we can't continue to do so.

"Being in League One doesn't bring a massive cash benefit, but it's a benefit because it's closer to the Championship, which is where we want to be. That will be our next goal – to try and get out of League One."

The Gills went into this weekend with three games of the season remaining and will hope to put the icing on the promotion cake by securing the League Two title.

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JOY: Paul Scally acknowledges Priestfield fans

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Average home attendances at Priestfield Stadium over the last 10 years:

2012/13: **6,393** promoted to League One
2011/13: **5,146** 8th in League Two
2010/11: **5,230** 8th in League Two
2009/10: **6,335** relegated from League One
2008/09: **5,306** promoted to League One
2007/08: **6,077** relegated to League Two
2006/07: **6,281** 16th in League One
2005/06: **6,664** 14th in League One
2004/05: **7,946** relegated from Division One
2003/04: **8,517** 21st in Division One
2002/03: **8,078** 11th in old Division One

Allen's Midas touch at the first attempt

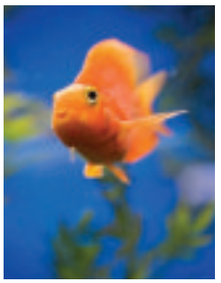
GILLINGHAM'S promotion marks a remarkable debut season for Martin Allen.

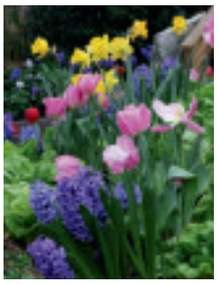
The Gills' current manager was appointed last summer by Paul Scally. It followed two years under the leadership of club legend Andy Hessenthaler which failed to gain them promotion.

With Mr Hessenthaler making the move upstairs at Priestfield to the role of director of football, Mr Allen was drafted in and presented with the task of getting the club into League One.

He has barely put a foot wrong, with the club starting the season at the top and spending only the briefest of periods since not in pole position.

Gillingham's promotion is his first as a manager.





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HEALTH

£1.5 million investment targets better care for our dementia sufferers

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IN HER final years, Margaret Thatcher faced a challenge even the Iron Lady could not defeat as she found her once razor-sharp mind blunted and then blurred by the onset of dementia.

It is an illness which has become the single biggest challenge facing the NHS today, and perhaps the greatest fear of those aged 50 and above.

It eats away at mental capacity and can leave sufferers confused, with failing memories and, in some cases, unable to recognise their family. There is no cure and causes agony for all involved.

According to the latest statistics, some 16,500 people in Kent and Medway are currently suffering with the condition, with less than half of those officially diagnosed.

So concerned are NHS bosses they have placed dementia at the top of their agenda. And they warn the problem is only to worsen as people live longer.

Under the health reforms, where clinical commissioning groups (CCGs) have replaced primary care trusts and Kent County Council is taking control of public health, dementia is a priority with a £1.5 million investment being pumped in this year to cover four new NHS measures:

- Improving diagnosis rates – in Kent this stands at 43 per cent, just slightly lower than the national 46 per cent
- Improving care in the community
- Launching a volunteer scheme – training up members of the public to work with people with dementia
- Setting up 'dementia communities' working in partnership with local authorities, businesses, voluntary organisations and people with dementia, to make support available.

Head of integrated commissioning of the Kent and Medway Commissioning Partnership, Sue Gratton, said she was confident these measures would help raise awareness and also drive up diagnosis rates.

She said; "One of the big problems is diagnosing people. Our current diagnosis rate is 43 per cent, but we're aiming to increase this to 60 per cent in the next two years."

Ms Gratton said diagnosis was difficult as many people did not come forward for help.

"There is still a stigma attached to dementia: it's reportedly the most feared disease for people over the age of 50, even more than cancer.

"You can't cure dementia, but if people do have an early diagnosis, we can help them to plan their lives while they still can for themselves and their loved ones. It can help avoid a future crisis. It can also help people stay in their own homes for longer."

Ms Gratton said raising the profile of the disease and bringing communities together to support those with it would help others become more sympathetic.

The Alzheimer's Society this week called on health commissioners to ensure appropriate support services were available and to make sure work was being undertaken to make communities "dementia friendly".

It followed a report by the charity, highlighting how lonely people with dementia are.

The Alzheimer's Society south east area manager, Chris Wyatt, said it revealed the stark truth of how people living with the condition were suffering alone.

"We need to put a stop to this epidemic of loneliness, not only to improve quality of life, but also to save thousands from reaching crisis point and being admitted to hospital unnecessarily or care homes early," he said.

"The reality is that many people still feel disconnected from society. It's time for all of us to play a part in helping people with dementia live well with the condition."

THE ILLNESS

Dementia describes a set of symptoms including memory loss, difficulty in communication and reasoning, and mood changes. Symptoms gradually get worse over time.

These symptoms occur when the brain is damaged by certain diseases, including Alzheimer's and damage caused by a series of small strokes.

Need help?
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CRIME

Crook steals woman's medication and bag

A CRUEL crook sneaked into the home of a 33-year-old woman and stole her handbag - plus a host of vital medication.

The intruder entered the house in Park Road, Sittingbourne, on Wednesday at around 10.45am after the owner left the back door open while she was upstairs.

Her bag was taken which also included her medication. Among the drugs swiped were amitriptyline, propranolol and co-codamol.

DC Tony Elms said: "We would appeal for anyone who may have seen anyone acting suspiciously at this time or someone running away from the house to get in touch with us. It is important that the drugs are traced and that the culprit is found.

"Anyone with information should call 101."

APPEAL

Hooded trio use knife to threaten victim

A GANG attempted to rob a 20-year-old at knife point as he walked towards Sheerness Golf Club on Thursday night.

Police investigating say the victim was on a footpath on Power Station Road at around 6pm when three people in hooded tops approached him,

One of the offenders, who had what is believed to be a small knife, asked for the victim's wallet and phone.

When the victim refused, the offenders then ran off in the direction of the golf club.

The main offender was white, 5'2" tall, of thin build and was wearing a black hooded top, a white scarf and white trainers.

Anyone with information should call 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111.

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12th century mansion has 11-bedrooms and was once owned by Henry VIII and Elizabeth I

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FOR SALE: Horton Priory is set within 55 acres of grounds and features a cinema room, its own golf course, tennis court, gym and heated swimming pool

A SPRAWLING country estate, once the retreat of two of the nation's most famous monarchs, has gone on the market for £4.95 million.

Horton Priory dates from the 12th century and boasts 11 bedrooms, a cinema room, gym, heated swimming pool, four air-conditioned wine cellars, croquet lawn, tennis court and even its own small golf course.

But what will attract the most attention is that former owners of the property in Monk's Horton, near Ashford, include Henry VIII and Elizabeth I.

The grounds include woodland and fishponds as well as the remains of a chapel.

Will Peppitt, a director of estate agents Savills which is handling the sale, said: "The people who want a home like this appreciate it as a fascinating piece of architecture. It really is in the premier league of properties."

Set in 55 acres of grounds, the property has a colourful history.

It was first the home of Norman nobleman Robert de Ver, who held the office of Constable of England during the reign of King Henry I.

It then became a monastery until the 16th century, when King Henry VIII dissolved the monastic orders.

The monarch promptly seized it for himself – although there is no evidence he ever stayed there.

The house passed into the hands of Thomas Cranmer, Archbishop of Canterbury, and was then the property of the Mantell family.

However, they had only a short time in charge as Walter Mantell rebelled against Queen Mary and was hung, drawn and quartered at Maidstone in 1553.

Queen Elizabeth took it back into royal hands before the Mantells – back in royal favour – resumed ownership for another 300 years.

In the early 20th century John Cairnes of Boston, USA – a descendant of one of the original Pilgrim Fathers – took it over and extensively renovated it

The current owners have indicated to Savills that they wish to downsize, but their identities have not been revealed by the estate agents.

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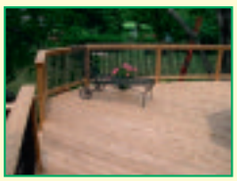

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CONSERVATION

Anglers focus on cultural differences in bid to protect fish from poachers

Warning posters translated to raise migrant awareness of fishing laws

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A FISHING watchdog has been forced to take action against Eastern European migrants who they believe are destroying Kent's river species by illegal poaching.

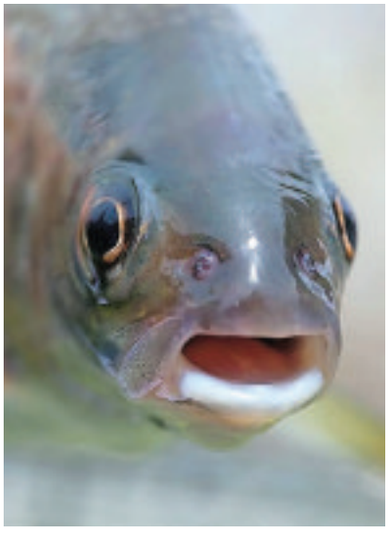
The Angling Trust has launched an awareness campaign targeting foreign nationals thought to be taking fish from the county's waterways.

Not so tightly governed in their home countries as it is here, they often don't realise they are having such a damaging impact.

So concerned is the group about the diminishing number of salmon, trout, pike, bream, carp and eel, it has printed details of the fishing ban on posters in Polish, Romanian, Lithuanian and Slovakian as well as English.

Environmental campaigner and Maidstone councillor Tony Harwood believes the problem is down to cultural differences, as many Polish migrants will have legally fished from rivers in their native country.

He said: "In the huge pristine wetlands of Poland or Lithuania the environment can sustain the taking for the pot of pike or European eel – the heavily polluted and modified 'drains' that rivers have become within our over-crowded county can not.



UNDER THREAT: Popular fish such as trout are being put at risk by the prevalence of poachers

"Domestic culinary tastes have also changed, with the recent influx of migrants from Eastern Europe and the Far East, who are culturally attached to eating species that the indigenous population no longer see as a potential meal – freshwater coarse fish, for example."

Fishing requires a licence and some species cannot be removed from rivers.

Fish poaching has become a real issue in the county despite the potential for a hefty fine of as much as £50,000.

This has pushed the Environment Agency to set up a 24-hour hotline for people to contact if they see anything suspicious.

Fisheries officer Ben Lord said: "Poaching is regional and often depends on the species available in that area.

"In the south east and Kent you have a broad mixture of fish. The Darent, Stour and Medway support a lot of trout and other coarse fish like bream and carp.

"If larger fish get taken away it can have a real impact on the breeding process. The success of next year's spawning can depend on it."

■ **Call the Environment Agency hotline on 0800 807060 to report fish poaching.**

TARGET ON DEER

While action is being taken against illegal fish poaching, conservationists have revealed the problem goes far wider, with deer, rabbit, hare, and even wild boar a target for illegal hunters.

Jamie Cordery, the south east deer liaison officer for The Deer Initiative, which looks to manage deer populations, outlined areas of west Kent and Ashford where poachers are at work.

He said: "Poaching is in the background the whole time, there is always a degree of it going on. It happens everywhere there are deer.

"There are several reasons for the poaching of deer. But the main one is money. People will often go out with guns, a spotlight and sometimes night vision equipment to kill deer and sell on the carcasses. That leaves a legacy of wounded animals. It's fairly obviously a public danger and it often damages crops, fences and so on as poachers don't care how they gain access."

Both the Environment Agency and The Deer Initiative interact with Kent Police throughout the year to try and stop poachers in the county.

Wildlife and rural environmental crime coordinator PC Michael Laidlow believes poaching is being tackled productively, he said: "We do have a problem, but not a big one. Our biggest problems are hare coursing and fish poaching."

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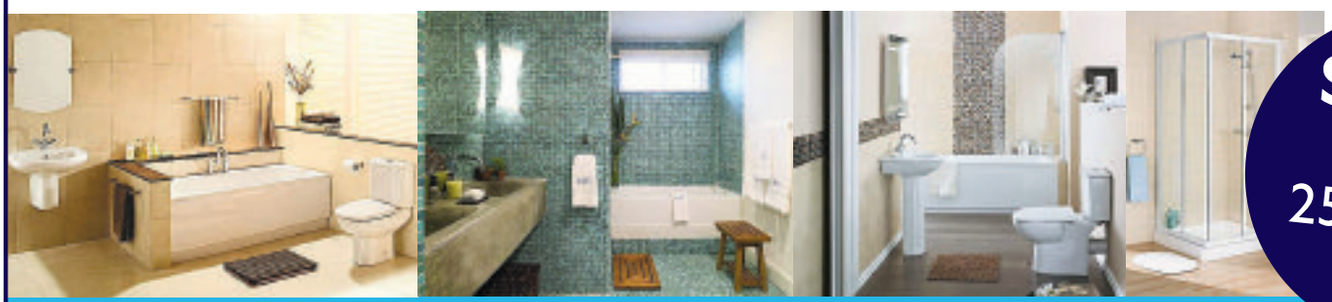

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ANIMAL WELFARE

Grand National course still 'hazardous' despite safety change success

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AN ANIMAL welfare campaign group says the Grand National is still "a deeply hazardous course" despite relief last weekend's big race saw no fatalities.

Changes to the course – which saw the start moved further away from the grandstands and the core of the fences changed from timber to a more flexible plastic – appear to have worked well as all 40 runners and riders emerged from the race unscathed.

However, there were casualties at other races during the three-day meeting at the Aintree course in Liverpool.

And that has caused Tonbridge-based Animal Aid to continue to call for changes.

As we reported two weeks ago, it wants the Grand National banned.

Director Andrew Tyler told KoS: "We are relived no horse died in the Grand National, and it seemed to be a much calmer race. There was not the frantic atmosphere of years gone by.

"We have been pointing to the severity of the core of the fences for years and thankfully this year something was done."

Mr Tyler said in the past, heavy tree logs were inside many of the different sized and shaped fences, which was "like hitting a brick wall" for the horses and jockeys if they made a mistake.

He added: "It must be remembered we don't want to see jockeys hurt either.

"But two horses were killed on that course in the days before the Grand National."

Animal Aid says some 72 horses have died at Aintree during the Grand National's history dating back to 1839. He called for all fences on all courses to be uniform, so both jockey and horse know what is expected of them at each one.

He added: "We would like to see fewer than 40 starters in the Grand National, and fewer fences, the same shape and size. Despite the improvements it still remains a deeply hazardous course."

The British Horseracing Authority said: "Some risk to horses is inherent in the sport, as it is to differing degrees in the life of a horse in any environment, but we recognise our responsibility to care for our horses and reduce unnecessary risks.

"Horseracing has constructive relationships with animal welfare organisations, such as the RSPCA, SSPCA, World Horse Welfare and Retraining of Racehorses, and works with these and other groups to reduce risk."

JOCKEY'S JOY TURNS TO DESPAIR

LAST Saturday's race was won by 66-1 outsider Auroras Encore, ridden by Ryan Mania.

The win meant a bumper day for bookmakers who were saved paying out on one of the heavily backed favourites.

To highlight the inherent danger in the sport, Mr Mania found himself injured after taking part in a race the day after the Grand National in Hexham.

He received a kick between the shoulder blades after falling from a horse and had to spend time in hospital.

Kent's only major racecourse, based at Folkestone, closed temporarily last year.

TOURISM

Hop Farm to remain free

OWNERS of the Hop Farm in Paddock Wood said it will continue to offer free entry after huge crowds flocked to its reopening.

It comes after the firm which managed much of the park collapsed, and was then snapped up by another part of the Hop Farm Group. Entry will be free with attractions within the park operating on a pay-to-play basis.

AGRICULTURE

RSPB hunts farming hero

FARMERS have until Thursday to enter the RSPB Telegraph Nature of Farming Award.

The award aims to find farming's wildlife heroes who put in the most work on their land to help countryside species. It is run by the RSPB, supported by Butterfly Conservation and Plantlife, and sponsored by the Telegraph. Entries can be submitted on www.rspb.org.uk/natureoffarming

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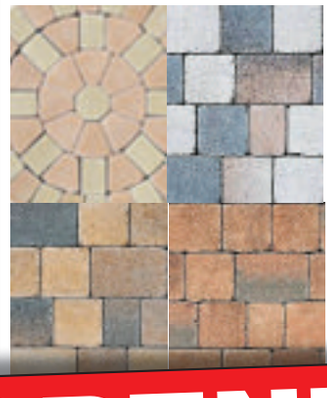

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KENT **REMEMBERED**

Battle of Britain hero shot down in flames

By Nick Ames
nick.ames@archant.co.uk

THE heroics of a doomed Battle of Britain fighter pilot – shot down after a dramatic dog fight over the county – were remembered with a special memorial unveiled this month.

Sgt Robert Fraser was just 20 when he was downed after a battle in the skies above Folkestone.

His plane crashed in flames on October 22, 1940, at Moat Farm in Shadoxhurst. It had been shot out of the sky after a fight with German Messerschmitt Bf 109s.

In a special ceremony in the quite country wood, various figures and organisations came together to remember where the young man lost his life with the unveiling of a plaque.

Sgt Fraser – known as Bobby – joined the RAF Volunteer Reserve in 1938.

A member of 257 Squadron, his Hurricane, number V6851, is believed to have destroyed a twin-engine German Bf 110 fighter-bomber over Essex just a month earlier.

The Battle of Britain aerial conflict raged in the skies above southern England during the hot summer and into the autumn of 1940.

Outnumbered RAF pilots, mainly flying Spitfire and Hurricane aircraft, took on the German bombers and their fighter escorts which targeted airfields, military installations, factories and towns.

The aerial attacks by Hitler's Luftwaffe were intended to be preliminary to an invasion – which would have required Nazi dominance of the skies. But "The Few" – immortalised by Prime Minister Sir Winston Churchill – drove back the attackers and any plans for a landing on this country's shores were abandoned.

HERO: Sgt Robert Fraser. Above: High Sheriff Michael Bax (left) Wing Cmdr Bob Foster (right) and standard bearers

High Sheriff Michael Bax, who lives at the farm, unveiled the memorial plaque as one of his last actions in the post; his one-year spell in the role ended last weekend.

Among those attending the unveiling were a former Hurricane pilot, Wing Commander Bob Foster DFC, and other representatives from the Battle of Britain Memorial Trust.

The memorial was made and donated by Gordon Newton of the Stone Shop in Maidstone.

The simple plaque reads: "Near this place, Hawker Hurricane V6851 of 257 Squadron crashed on 22nd Oct 1940 following combat with Me. Bf 109s over Folkestone. Sgt Pilot Robert H B Fraser was killed. He is interred in Craigton Cemetery, Glasgow."

Six standard bearers from ex-service organisations were at the ceremony for Sgt Fraser and the service was led by the Rev Rod Whateley, the Vicar of Warehorne.

Other Battle of Britain Memorial Trust members present included Group Captain Patrick Tootal, OBE, who is secretary of both the trust and the Battle of Britain Fighter Association.

Rev Whateley said Sgt Fraser had "paid the ultimate price for our freedom", adding that the plaque would be "a lasting reminder of his courage, bravery and sacrifice".

Mr Bax added: "The memorial is right by a public right-of-way so people can visit it."

The aircraft itself was discovered in the 1970s by David Buchanan from St Michael's, who is an expert on crash sites.

He said: "Local knowledge was that a Hurricane had crashed in the wood, but it still took us quite a long time to find it. It had hit the base of a large oak tree and wasn't buried too deep, so we dug out the engine by hand. I found some coins which had been fused together due to the intense heat and also a Royal Artillery keyring."

Sgt Fraser's name is commemorated on the Christopher Foxley-Norris wall at the National Memorial to the Few at Capel-le-Ferne, between Dover and Folkestone.

It lists those who received the Battle of Britain Clasp to attach to the 1939-45 Star for service in the air under Fighter Command between July 10 and October 31, 1940 medal.

The trust is currently raising money for a new visitor experience and learning centre – to be called The Wing. See www.battleofbritainmemorial.org to find out more.

OPINION

Everyone must be connected

Ukip leader **Nigel Farage** warns we must not fall behind the technology curve by leaving 10 per cent of the county without superfast broadband

AS WE cast our minds back to review the impact Margaret Thatcher's reforms had on British life, one of the most significant will be those on business.

And, in particular, the importance she placed on making it easier for small businesses to enter the marketplace, thus creating economic growth.

It opened up a whole new world of possibilities. Fresh ideas were no longer the reserve only of rich or big companies seeking to expand.

These reforms changed the business world for the better.

Ideas such as these have left the manifestos of the social democratic parties in Westminster, but can still be found in the policies and hearts of Ukip campaigners as we put forward our proposals to get this country out of the economic quagmire it has been struggling in.

These aren't just issues which are fought on the national stage, but can be found at every level of public life, as can be seen in Kent with the anger of residents facing a 'digital ghetto' as superfast broadband leaves them excluded.

In March, Roger Gough, Kent County Council's cabinet member responsible for broadband, announced the deal between the council and BT to upgrade parts of the county to superfast broadband.

These kinds of technologies provide a huge benefit to small businesses in Kent by ensuring their communications keep them competitive and, importantly in times of economic hardship, allow flexibility and savings in travel costs and times by permitting online meetings, quicker uploads and efficient internet usage.

KCC is funding this and using money from Broadband UK which is, in reality, Her Majesty's Government.

Yet despite the money coming from across the county, 10 per cent of people will be left with inadequate broadband speeds of 2mbps or lower. The significance of this has already been seen with one local estate agent stating to contacts in the affected area that "as a collective, the 01959 56**** area must not be left behind the larger towns as it is probable that our commercial viability and the desirability of our homes could be affected".

It is not just property prices which will be affected, but the competitiveness of those businesses in the area which KCC has decided to exclude from this project, despite using their money to fund the scheme.

Neighbouring Surrey regard the issue as important enough to fund over 99 per cent coverage, including the most difficult to reach areas which are usually rural and already experience fewer council services such as transport and amenities.

It is vital that everyone in Kent benefits from this upgrade in technology – not just because they have paid for it, but because it is an example of the direction this country and this county needs to go in if we are to achieve growth.

What message does a lack of superfast broadband send out about UK PLC?

If we can't ensure adequate, professional levels of communication for hundreds of thousands of people despite the will, need and money being made available, what message does that send out about UK PLC?

And what message does KCC's ambivalence towards these 10 per cent who are missing out on the superfast broadband say about how they view these residents?

It might be an 'invisible' service but it's become part of modern living in the same way as access to schools and refuse collection.

Will the council be excluding areas of the county from these services in the future because they consider them to be too difficult to provide?

KOS COMMENT

Thatcher: Loved or hated there's no other like her

LOVE her or loathe her, Margaret Thatcher has left her mark in British history like perhaps no other politician.

Her supporters hail her as an inspirational leader; the person who saved a country held to ransom by trade unionists and the saviour of the Falklands.

Her critics say she was behind mass privatisation and the death of important industries. But what cannot be disputed is she was a force – a woman working in a man's world like no other ever has.

She also transformed Britain.

While many will not mourn her passing, her impact on British life – and Kent remains heavily influenced by her decisions – was perhaps more profound than any other in the modern era.

Jubilant Gills on the up

GILLINGHAM put recent disappointments behind them to clinch well-earned promotion last weekend from League Two.

As the county's most senior side we should all take pride in their achievements.

What's more, we should wish them well in their bid to once again return to the ranks of the Championships. C'mon the Gills!

Feedback

Letters/emails/twitter

Beach huts at Westbrook
by Geoff Wilton

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Youth PCC is no role model

IF Paris Brown was 'selected' from 164 applicants as being the best one suited for the job of Youth Police and Crime Commissioner for Kent, one can only wonder what the other 163 were like.

In the period leading up to her appointment she has demonstrated, on Twitter, her apparent liking for anti-social behaviour, under-age drinking and making lewd remarks about race relations and gay rights. Some role model here? I think not.

It also doesn't say a lot about those who carried out the interviews (and the police vetting) to end up with someone who shows signs of being intellectually confused and totally unsuitable.

Little wonder that 82 per cent of the electorate of 1.1 million didn't bother to vote for a PCC in Kent – maybe they had the foresight to realise that this whole PCC concept was likely to be a waste of space – and money.

Let's hope that at the end of the four-year period it will be scrapped as this whole exercise has shown nothing but contempt for adults, and is insulting to the many decent young people too.

R Alexander, Swanley

PCC's decision powers flawed

SO let me get this right, this young lady is being paid from the PCC's £1.5m budget to be the voice of young people in the Kent area?

If she is used as a representative of Kent's youth, far from the press demonising her, the public are going to demonise all youth if she is held up as a youth 'champion'.

She seems a perfect example of that minority of today's youth that a proper Youth PCC should be encouraging away from her behaviour. If Ann Barnes can elect someone like Paris Brown to a position of responsibility, then it clearly shows her decision-making powers are seriously flawed. Should she be allowed to have the power of hiring or firing the Chief Constable?

PCC Barnes is a bit of a hypocrite. She defends Paris' right to send offensive tweets but threatened legal action against a tweeting candidate in the PCC elections.

Clive Ledner, comments left on KentNews.co.uk

Her reputation is now ruined

KENT Police and Crime Commissioner Ann Barnes should hold her head in shame at the way she has thrust a young teenager into the spotlight and allowed her reputation to be tarnished.

Yes, what Paris Brown wrote on Twitter was wrong, but she should have been protected from the national press and Ann Barnes and her team should have known better.

Reputations take years to develop but can be ruined in an instant. Mrs Barnes has a lot to answer for.

J Hunter, Tonbridge

Thatcher's awful legacy

SCHOOL children once had free milk. No more.

We were self sufficient in coal. We now depend on Russian gas.

We had affordable council houses. They are gone.

Agricultural marketing boards ensured fair prices for British producers, now at the mercy of the supermarkets.

Consumers are ripped off by privatised energy companies.

Deregulation brought banking to the brink of collapse.

Margaret Thatcher did not invent the prevailing attitude of greed which defined her era but she was in tune with it. We will suffer from her legacy for generations to come.

David Burgess, Hawkhurst

Death is not to be celebrated

WHILE the Conservatives, David Cameron and, of course, Margaret Thatcher represent everything I oppose, while the Battle of the Beanfield was vile, while I've met violent alcoholics still recovering from the closing of the mines, while I know the privatisation of arms manufacturers and utilities companies was a calculated move by MPs of all the Grey parties... I refuse to become something I oppose with every moment I live.

I will not be celebrating an old lady's death. Or anyone else's for that matter.

I will, however, continue working against all the damage she caused.

Steven Campkin, Ashford

Politicians are ignoring issues

WITH only 0.16 per cent of the Earth's land mass, Britain makes a mockery of any green credentials by buying from countries like China and India, famed for their massed coal-fired power stations.

Those like Richard Mountford continue to come up with 'sticking plaster' ideas to solve a problem that isn't going away, as finite resources dwindle, rainforests disappear, and land, sea and air suffer horrendous pollution.

Solutions mooted attack the symptoms, not the disease: that the world is overpopulated and the greed of large corporations have raised the materialistic expectations of billions, leading to a dying planet.

It suits most politicians' purposes to promote overpopulation and consumerism, so they will continue the pretence, solving non-existent problems, while ignoring the elephant in the room.

Phil Granger, West Malling

Excellent care during labour

I WISH to thank the midwifery team at Tunbridge Wells hospital for the first class care they provided for the birth of my son Charles. With special thanks to Louise Crompton and Eve McCreery who took care of my wife Lucy.

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Charles Arthur Henry Barrow was born at 4.46pm on Good Friday weighing 7lbs 5oz. Baby and mother are well.

James Barrow, West Malling

Keep fighting live exports

THANK you for drawing attention to live animal exports.

This is cruelty on a vast scale, with money at the root.

To those commendable souls who continue to fight the good fight, never give up. It can look like a David and Goliath situation, but David was the winner. In the final analysis he proved he was richly endowed with courage and faith.

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Mary McNulty, Brenchley

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THANET male, young mid 60's, caring, 5ft 5ins, dark hair, likes travel, countryside, seeks slim, attractive local soul mate. **Tel No: 0906 515 7112 Box No: 403729**

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By **GREG MILES**

EVEN if you're not interested in motorcycling, you almost certainly will have heard of the Isle of Man TT, one of the world's most dangerous road races, where competitors pulse along country lanes as frankly terrifying speeds. So why, if you were a competitor, would you go back after it claimed the life of your nephew and almost killed you?

TT legend Nick Jeffries will be answering exactly that and more when he visits Tunbridge Wells as part of a nationwide tour of Let's Talk Bike, where he discusses his obsession with the famous time trial race.

He will be accompanied by fellow rider Ian Hutchinson, former Top Gear presenter Steve Berry, and motorsport photographer Stephen Davison.

Jeffries grew up with the sport in his blood as his father Alan was a successful rider in the Isle of Man race, coming second twice between 1947 and 1949.

Nick's brother Tony raced between 1969 and 1973 winning three races, before he became a paraplygic after a serious crash in Yorkshire.

Tony's son, David, tragically lost his life on the island in 2003 during a crash in practice, that after becoming the first and only rider to win three triple TT crowns in a row.

'There are 200 bends and I know them like the back of my hand.'

But Nick is set to return after a ten-year absence for the annual event which takes place next month. And there is nothing more nerve-wracking than the 37.7 mile road course, according to the 60-year-old, with bikes reaching 200mph in places, and averaging 130mph around the country roads, lined with houses, dry-stone walls and crowds of thousands of fanatical motorsport fans.

"I did 83 races around there, and hopefully will do two more this year," he said. "You can liken the atmosphere to where you're waiting for the shot for the 100m, it does wonders for your bowels, I can tell you.

"People do 1,000 mile journeys but while the Isle of Man TT isn't so long it is as demanding. You have to be inch perfect at the speeds you're doing. There are very few moments you can relax, it is a very testing requirement on a human being."

It takes great skill to master the course, and it cannot be done by simply studying maps to learn all the corners, you have to feel the road, says Jeffries.

"People struggle with that, but it came naturally to me," he said. "There are 200 bends and I know them like the back of my hand. I don't know why.

"I was a fairly good road rider, up on the Yorkshire Dales, you get a feel for the way the road goes. I began by doing that, riding it like a fast public road, getting a feel for the way it's going. I always learned by thinking it was going to be tighter than it was."

Even the most experienced rider can make mistakes. It has claimed the lives of more than 200 riders since it began in 1907.

"During practice for my first ever race I crashed and broke my wrist. I rode the next day with it bandaged up.

"There were two identical bends my father had warned me about, I took the second bend too fast and thought I got it right, I went down and smashed the wall.

"I've had five accidents around Isle of Man and three were massive. In one I ended up in a helicopter in a neck brace, my ankle was hanging off, but it's back on and working again now. It's a bit ugly. I had a broken shoulder and lost all ligaments in my knee. Having had five crashes I've survived them all very well.

"I'm lucky in that respect."

Tragically, his nephew, David Jeffries, who had created history by winning three races over three consecutive years, up until 2003, died during his only crash.

"My nephew had one crash and he didn't go back again," said Nick.

"He won a triple hat-trick, three wins three years running 1999, 2000, and 2002. They didn't run it in 2001 because of foot and mouth. In 2003, in practice he was killed at a high speed corner.

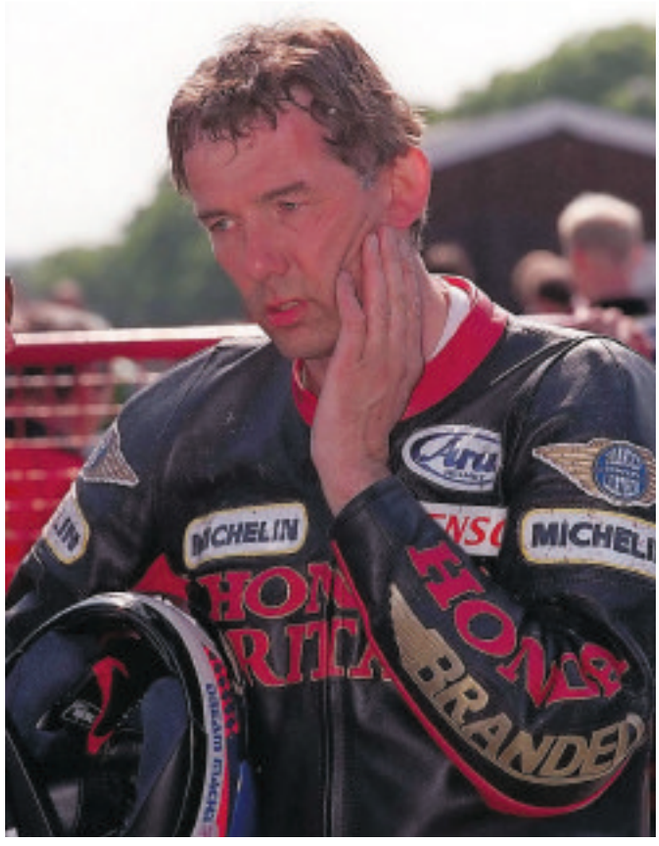
"It changed the family dynamic at the time. My mother had been watching since 1947 and had enough of it seeing my father and my brother racing there. My brother ended up with a fractured spine, he's a paraplegic, from a crash in Yorkshire.

"My father survived it okay, and I did. She had had enough by 2003, so I said I wouldn't race again. My mother died last year. I still wanted to race while I was young and fit. So this is my first race in ten years.

"What I like is that you're travelling full speed on the roads you could be driving on between towns. It's a dream road. It is the most amazing circuit.

"If you look at the two-week package, thousands of people, the organisation required to close that roads to ensure safety for the civilians of the island; it is the most remarkable event in terms of organisation, like the Olympics."

■ **Let's Talk Bike is at Tunbridge Wells' Assembly Theatre on April 26, at 7.30pm. Tickets are £16.50, see www.assemblyhalltheatre.co.uk, or call 01892 530613/532072.**



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Let's talk bike

TT legend Nick Jeffries rides into the county to share his passion for racing

Picture: JAY CAIN

THE RIGHT TRACK: Nick Jeffries (left) will be joined by TV's Ian Hutchinson, below, and fellow biker Steve Berry

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Doc raps out some great entertainment

By Marijke Cox
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HIS is the face many will remember from the Comic Relief sketch as the unlikely musical partner to the cringeworthy David Brent in The Office Revisited.

As character Dom Johnson, he oozed street "cool" while Brent showed off his inner "chilled out entertainer" bobbing around alongside his young protégé to the "anti-racist/multi-racial" song Equality Street.

Doc Brown – real name Ben Smith – was never going to steal the show from Ricky Gervais' Brent, but he played a great straight man and proved to all those fans from back in his rapping days, that even in his 30s he's still as slick with his lyrics as he was then.

You see, Doc Brown is so much to so many; a rapper, an actor and a stand-up comedian.

It's the latter which recently brought him to Canterbury's Gulbenkian Theatre as part of his first ever UK stand-up tour.

While his more recent fans will recognise him from appearances in Channel 4 comedies The Inbetweeners and Derek (he is also currently filming for ITV3's Law and Order UK), his more dedicated followers will remember Doc from his rapping days.

Working alongside Mark Ronson and De La Soul among others, the young British rapper, some assumed, was destined for great things in the hip hop world. But, says the 33-year-old, who is the brother of author Zadie Smith, he won't be going back to rap anytime soon.

"It would be difficult to go back to the underground of British rap, although it's not as underground now as when I was doing it," he said.

"I'd got to the point where I'd been doing it a while and I started to distance myself from it.

"I do so much writing for TV there really isn't time to embark on an album at the moment."

Doc says after leaving the rapping game, he still needed to find a way to express himself.

A chance call from a friend at the BBC, who was writing a sitcom for Lenny Henry, propelled Doc into work as a script consultant.

But how did the articulate, former rapper from Kilburn end up on the stand-up circuit?

"It was very organic – people think I made the decision but it was something that just happened," he said.

And so we find him in Canterbury.

His show begins in an unusual way, with an empty stage and a voice talking about cavemen and manliness.

But suddenly this ball of energy emerges, looking much younger than his 33 years, in jeans, t-shirt and a hoody.

He's clearly clever and at the same time endearingly honest, mocking his inability to dance without the "white man's overbite" and what he candidly describes as a failed rap career.

Flitting between "hood" and his articulate, thoughtful considerations, Doc explains his desire to ditch his self-consciousness and mocks the rap world, using, well, rap.

But he's funny. Very funny, and despite touching on the controversial, including race and ignorant people who tell him "you're just as much white as you are black" he points out the reality of saying that at a BNP rally. He is so refreshingly honest, admitting running the wrong way up a train escalator and waving at boats, you find yourself relating to him: "Yes, I've done that – no, I haven't elbowed a cat in the face, but I wave at boats too."

Doc can pretend not to be cool, but he is. Even him admitting dad dancing and his lack of control over his manhood as he tries to sing a "sexy" urban song while dancing in a nightclub, wouldn't put you off wanting to be his mate.

His rapping is slick and funny and he moves seamlessly from spitting out lyrics to telling a hilarious story.

He's clearly confident, but takes the audience on a journey of how he has battled self-consciousness to arrive at the person he is today, a man who gets slightly scared of his daughters' ghetto mates, but who is actually very cool.

He was so funny, an hour was not long enough. There were no gimmicks or over-the-top characters seen with some other comics. This was Doc Brown, simple as that.

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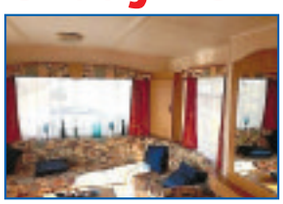

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Peter Andre
Saturday, July 20
Gates 6pm, concert starts 7.30pm, £33
Family Summer Sunday
Sunday, July 21
Gates noon, concert starts 1pm,
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For all concerts children under five go free

By Joe Bill
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A STAR-studded three-day music festival, staged to raise vital funds for charity, is all systems go after council chiefs granted it a licence.

The Music on the Hill event runs from July 19-21 and features performances from the likes of McFly and Peter Andre.

Staged at Kings Hill, the festival will raise money for the Sittingbourne-headquartered children's hospice Demelza and Teens Unite Fighting Cancer, a charity set up by fashion designer Karen Millen, who grew up in Maidstone.

Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council rubber stamped the application for the live music event at a recent meeting.

The performances will take place in a custom-built open-air arena and will hope to build on the success of the 2011 event which raised £60,000 – enough to provide two new community nurses for Demelza.

This year, the weekend kicks off in party style with a Friday night appearance by Jools Holland and his 18-piece Rhythm & Blues Orchestra. He is joined by Roland Gift, voice of the Fine Young Cannibals, as special guest, plus renowned vocalist Ruby Turner.

The Saturday will then be divided into two separately ticketed events. The afternoon show will feature a performance from 2011's headline act McFly. The evening show will be headlined by Peter Andre.

Sunday will see a host of reality TV stars, including the likes of X Factor stars Joe McElderry and Ben Mills plus Pop Idol runner-up Gareth Gates.

There will also be performances from 2013 Brit Award nominees Stooshe, tribute acts Killer Queen and the Counterfeit Stones.

There will also be a special one-off performance from Cheryl Baker, Jay Aston and Mike Nolan of legendary 80s group Bucks Fizz.

It will be hosted by Capital FM breakfast show and ITV presenter Dave Berry.

■ **To book tickets and find out more about the event, see www.musiconthehill.org.uk or call 0844 873 7342.**

Host of venues join forces in merger of management teams

TWO management groups behind a host of entertainment and leisure venues across the county have joined forces to bring 15 facilities under its wing.

The management group behind the Margate Winter Gardens, Thanet Leisureforce (TLF), has merged with Vista Leisure (VL), which is in charge of the likes of the Maison Dieu in Dover.

The new company, which will be called Your Leisure Kent Ltd, will remain a non-profit social enterprise.

Thanet Leisureforce chief Steve Davis said: "This merger offers a significant opportunity for both TLF and VL to take our businesses forward by consolidating resources and combining our strengths.

"I am looking forward to working with our new colleagues from Vista to ensure Your Leisure becomes a successful and vibrant business."

The two organisations have worked closely together since 2010 and will now look to improve the sites, which include Margate's Theatre Royal, Dover Leisure Centre, Deal Tennis Centre, John Myers Sports Hall in Deal, Northdown House and Dover Sea Sports Centre.

Vista Leisure's boss Kevin Fordham added: "Vista's trustees are confident that our values and priorities are complementary and considered this was the best way forward to provide a stronger financial platform.

"They also felt the merger would open up new opportunities and was in the best interests of the charity beneficiaries."

SPECIAL EVENT: Last year's celebration was a colourful event, attended by a Winston Churchill look-a-like and, of course, a fiery dragon

See George slay the dragon

By Greg Miles
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DIG out the flags, the English Festival returns next weekend to celebrate the country's patron saint.

For the fourth year running, the Riverside Country Park in Gillingham will be awash with all things English to celebrate St George's Day.

The two-day festival which runs on Saturday and Sunday – April 20-21 – will see the park divided into four themed areas for visitors to enjoy; the seaside, the village square, the English countryside and medieval fun.

There will be space to build your own sandcastles on the beach, ride donkeys, meet farm ponies and goats, watch bee keepers in action, have a go at falconry, and join in a tea party. Live music on the bandstand will entertain the crowds.

There is also the chance to watch knights do battle in the medieval area, while elsewhere there will be an English Bobby riding his penny farthing, lollipop ladies, and, of course, St George and his dragon.

The Englishness does not stop there though, as there is plenty of traditional food and drink to enjoy from fish and chips to candy floss and cake.

Medway Council's portfolio holder for community services, Howard Doe, said: "This wonderfully quirky festival is now in its fourth year, and it's the perfect way for all the family to have a free day out and celebrate St George's Day."

The English Festival runs from 11am to 5pm. Entry to the event is free but some activities such as donkey rides, seaside rides, and face painting will have a small charge. All children entering the event must be accompanied by an adult.

There is limited parking on site. Visitors are advised to use the free park and ride service from the visitor entrance to the Historic Dockyard, Chatham, and at Rainham Mark Grammar School. The buses will run between 10am and 6pm, and will drop and collect passengers on Lower Rainham Road, outside the park.

COME AND SEE PARADE

Schoolchildren will be taking over the streets in Dartford with nearly 500 joining in a St George's Day parade.

The youngsters will start their parade at One Bell Corner at 1pm on Tuesday, April 23, and will be led by the Premier Brass Band, Big Fish Marching Band and the Cultural Beats Project.

The schoolchildren and other local music and dance groups will follow as they make their way down the High Street and into Central Park to the bandstand, where the event will finish at 2.30pm.

The event is organised by Kent Equality Cohesion Council with Cohesion Plus and Dartford Borough Council.

Chief executive of KECC, Gurvinder Sandher, said: "This is going to be our biggest celebration to date.

"St George's Day should be celebrated more widely as it is an important way of bringing diverse communities together and celebrating what it means to be English."

CASTLE TO CELEBRATE

Dover Castle will be celebrating with medieval crafts and cookery workshops.

Next Saturday and Sunday the castle will be open with the skill-at-arms horse show and St George doing battle with a dragon. There is also a puppet show and music. It is open from 10am until 5pm.

Visit www.english-heritage.org.uk for further information.

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Discover the lighter side of life and death

COMEDIAN Sean Hughes has extended his tour of Life Becomes Noise to include Tunbridge Wells in May.

The 47-year-old from London explores the lighter side of dying and getting older in his new tour – billed as the feelgood show of the year – following the death of his father last year.

In recent years, Hughes has been more involved in acting and has had numerous roles in TV shows, including Coronation Street. He also appeared in Alan Parker's film The Commitments, the film adaptation of Spike Milligan's Puckoon and performed on the West End stage in As You Like It with Sienna Miller. He has also hosted his own show on BBC 6 Music.

Sean is appearing at the Trinity Theatre in Tunbridge Wells on May 24. The show starts at 8pm. Tickets are £14, concessions £12.

Americans invest in future of gallery with funding gift

By Joe Bill
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MARGATE'S Turner Contemporary will celebrate its second anniversary with a £530,000 donation.

The money comes from American investment firm Goldman Sachs and will help kick-start a major fundraising push to deliver a cash pot which will protect its long-term future.

It will be presented with money through the firm's Goldman Sachs Gives; a donor-advised fund from which past and current partners at the firm can recommend grants to non-profit-making organisations.

The Turner Contemporary was put forward by Peter Selman, a managing director at the firm's New York office. He was born and bred in Margate before leaving to attend Cambridge University and then moving to New York in 2007.

He said: "I was aware of the Turner Contemporary before it opened and once it launched I visited and was determined to give it any support I could.

"It has transformed Margate.

Picture: PAUL JERREAT

GOOD START: Turner Contemporary

"I hope this gift contributes to the long term security of the gallery and will be the catalyst for many other gifts in the future."

The cash will certainly be well received. The gallery is looking to raise £1m in order to benefit from the fund being matched by Catalyst – an initiative launched by the Arts Council England and the Department of Culture, Media and Sport to help organisations diversify their funding streams. The latest cash injection will go straight towards that total and courtesy of the match funding, ultimately double in value.

Turner Contemporary director Victoria Pomery said: "In our first two years, we have enjoyed huge success in terms of our profile, programme and the learning and community projects we have delivered.

"We are very focused on securing the long term future of the gallery and our aspiration is to build a £20m endowment pot, generating a vital and sustainable income stream for the gallery in the future.

"I would like to thank Goldman Sachs Gives for this generous donation, and DCMS and Arts Council England for the match funding. It is a fantastic start to the endowment campaign.

"We are now looking for other individuals and companies to step forward and help secure our future."

In its first two years, the Turner Contemporary has attracted more than 850,000 visits, this is estimated to have brought in £21.1m to the local economy.

For more details on the endowment fund, see the gallery's website www.turnercontemporary.org.

FAB FOUR

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Granville Theatre, Ramsgate
Saturday, April 27, 7.30pm
Call: 01843 591750
Website: www.granvilletheatre.com
The Mandy Winters Show: Thanet's very own diva will be bringing her brand of country and western to the Granville. Concert in aid of the Mayor of Ramsgate's charities. Tickets £12.

The Brook Theatre, Chatham
Tuesday, April 16, 7.45pm.
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Continental culture comes up short for town's diners

RESTAURANT **REVIEW**

TO TWIST a well known phrase, with a great location comes great responsibility. And in Whitstable the weight of a sea view should sit heavy on the shoulders of any restaurant fortunate enough to be able to plonk their diners down before such a vista.

The Hotel Continental is a fine looking establishment, with a striking pink facade which peers out over the estuary and the shingle banks. It is nestled on the arc which curves from Whitstable to the beach hut festooned Tankerton Slopes. In short, for a town which remains a popular destination for London folk, the Hotel Continental ought to be its beating heart.

Its bar is light and airy, it is the only major hotel in the town centre and it has a restaurant which, as we sit down at a window table, offers seductive views. But on a Sunday evening it is nearly deserted.

The reasons swiftly become apparent.

Within sight of the sea, the expectation is that the menu would be a vibrant, ever-evolving selection of the fruits de la mer.

Instead, it's a plastic coated affair where seasonal changes don't dictate the line-up.

Things continue on a downward spiral when, having pondered our selections, we're belatedly

informed the oysters, mussels and lobster are all off the menu. As is the prosecco. Off the menu? You can almost see the fish market from here. It is inexcusable.

Goodwill is a little restored as they upgrade us to the house Champagne at no extra cost. But is then frittered away again when the starters arrive.

Seared scallops with petit pois and mint butter and topped with crispy pancetta should be a glorious explosion of subtle tastes and the tang of the peas. Instead the scallops are over-cooked and the peas look like they are fresh out of a tin. As for the mint butter, well it's barely detectable. A truly dire effort.

My partner's goats cheese and walnut salad is a marginally more successful effort.

With expectation levels low, the rack of lamb arrives. The meat is tasty and there's plenty of it. The artichoke and mint puree a good companion. But the rosemary potatoes are tired and over cooked and the carrots lifeless.

The sea bass is a plump fish, but the 'seasonal vegetables' amounts purely to some beans and again there's a feeling that little love and effort have been invested in the dish.

Which is really the overall issue here. This hotel's restaurant should dazzle; be a cornerstone and champion of the town. Instead it falls woefully short in comparison to other eateries nearby. And that should be a concern to an area which relies on word of mouth and good quality to keep the visitors coming back.

Doing the bare minimum in this day and age simply isn't good enough, I'm afraid.

With desserts, the bill for two was a little over £73. **Chris Thomson**

■ **Hotel Continental, 29 Beach Walk Whitstable CT5 2BP (Telephone: 01227 280280). Web: www.hotelcontinental.co.uk**

Phillips puts his money where his mouth is

CELEBRITY chef Richard Phillips is going head-to-head in a culinary challenge for a new BBC series, starting on April 17.

Put Your Menu Where Your Mouth Is will see two renowned chefs buy food, prepare dishes and sell them to diners at some of the country's most popular dining establishments.

They will offer a three-course meal and can set their own prices with the aim of not just selling the most dishes but making the most profit for their chosen charity.

Phillips, who owns eateries in Hollingbourne near Maidstone, Whitstable and Tunbridge Wells, donated his proceeds of £107 to Kent, Surrey & Sussex Air Ambulance.

Rooks bag impressive Master Butcher award

BUTCHERS JC Rook & Sons has been handed a top gong by the Meat Training Council.

Director of the firm, Andrew Rook, bagged the Master Butcher Accreditation, becoming the first in Kent and only the ninth across the country to do so. The qualification recognises skills including purchasing animals, understanding and overseeing the slaughter process, managing people and food hygiene.

Mr Rook said: "Maintaining the drive to do our work in the proper way is paramount to our moral and ethical position, to supply our local communities with good quality food sourced and prepared to the highest standards."

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Cloud opportunities float into cathedral

WHETHER it's for storing films and music or empowering a workforce by hosting software and content to allow remote working, few will have escaped hearing the phrase 'the cloud' when it comes to digital content.

Effectively the ability to store content on central servers which is then delivered on-demand via broadband, how business can benefit from it will be discussed at Canterbury Cathedral Lodge on April 25.

Information security consultant Wendy Goucher will be talking about how small businesses can safely use the cloud's potential, covering topics such as data security and why it is relevant to SMEs.

Smaller businesses are increasingly utilising the technology to reduce up-front IT costs, connect a mobile workforce, and to store data, reducing physical storage requirements and increasing data-access speeds.

Organisers explain: "The event will address the challenges facing businesses, charities and individuals when deciding how to integrate organisations into the cloud."

■ **The event runs from 7-9pm and costs £15. Details: www.canterburycloud.com or call 01227 392 997.**

£35m finance deal forged on success

STEEL company John Parker and Son of Canterbury has signed a financing deal worth £35 million with HSBC in order to expand operations.

The company employs 450 people across the UK and currently holds 25,000 tonnes of steel in stock.

It was established in 1904, from a small shop in The Parade, Canterbury and a yard in Watling Street.

David Cox, operations director, said: "Continuous investment in the very best and most advanced equipment and facilities is keeping us at the cutting edge of our industry."

Mark Frettingham, HSBC's regional head of corporate banking for the south of England, said: "The company has a strong management which wants to build on its success and ambitions both at Canterbury and across it's other facilities."

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Businesses look to the east as cash incentives boost interest

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THE tide of interest from businesses seeking to invest in the county appears to finally be shifting away from the north to the east, according to latest statistics.

Courtesy of a huge boost in publicity and attention – fuelled by the decision of drugs firm Pfizer to withdraw much of its staff from its sprawling Sandwich site – east Kent is now receiving almost an equal number of enquiries as sites such as the Thames Gateway.

The north Kent area has traditionally always benefitted from its proximity to London.

But the latest figures from the county's inward investment agency, Locate in Kent, have revealed a new trend – identified by analysts as the result of investment from the Government's Regional Growth Fund.

They showed 147 projects registered with Locate in Kent were considering investing in Canterbury, Dover or Thanet.

This compared to Thames Gateway, including Dartford, Gravesend, Medway and Swale, which received 149 enquiries.

Paul Wookey, chief executive of Locate in Kent, said: "There has been a marked increase in interest in east Kent which has seen it rise from a third of enquiries in October 2011. This suggests that business is increasingly viewing the area as being as attractive as the Thames Gateway."

The availability of funding support for businesses from the local authority-backed Expansion East Kent, and the promotional Grow for It campaign, have been identified as contributory factors to the increased interest.

Mr Wookey said: "East Kent is now experiencing the level of interest from investors it long deserved.

"High-speed rail and new roads have made the area far more accessible, and with the available financial packages, and the heightened promotional activity through the Grow For It campaign, more businesses are starting to see the area's business potential.

"We anticipate east Kent will continue to welcome greater levels of investment, in particular from those businesses involved in life sciences, creative and digital media, low carbon technologies and the tourism industry."

The Locate in Kent investment figures show 11 per cent of new investment enquiries in east Kent are in the life sciences sector, with nine per cent for engineering and seven per cent for environmental businesses, all higher than elsewhere in the county.

Of east Kent's 147 projects, a third of them had expressed an interest in applying for an interest-free loan from Expansion East Kent, which offers Regional Growth Fund loans to growing businesses in the area.

So far, Expansion East Kent – which oversees the money – has distributed nearly £6 million to 21 east Kent businesses which it says will create more than 500 jobs, with a further £10m in the pipeline creating another 800 jobs.

It forms part of Expansion East Kent's plans to create 5,000 new jobs, and unlock a further £300m of private sector investment.

But analysts say there could be a swing back in the north's favour – as the area recently obtained its own Regional Growth Fund allocation.

Mr Wookey added: "Importantly, we anticipate levels of interest in Thames Gateway to rise with businesses now able to apply for interest free loans through the £20m Tiger (Thames Innovation, Growth and Enterprise) support initiative, funded by the Regional Growth Fund."

With the north and east now getting financial backing, businesses in the west could be next in line.

Jo James, of the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce, said the success of the two bids for funding has led to another being submitted.

She said: "We have been very fortunate in Kent to have two successful Regional Growth Fund bids to support business growth

"With successful applications made and now under way for both the east and the north of the county, focus is now being given to the remaining districts within Kent and a further bid has gone in to address that."

STANDARD BEARER: Discovery Park at Sandwich

MARKETING MACHINE ENSURES A FAR BETTER CONNECTION

BOTH regions have enterprise schemes backed by Kent County Council with Government money.

East Kent's has been in operation for longer, with many businesses already having received loans, while the north's project only started receiving applications last week.

The east of the county also has a marketing and publicity machine in place – the north has no such direct equivalent.

Thanet, Canterbury, Dover and Shepway are trumpeted by east Kent's Grow For It campaign.

It highlights connectivity via the high-speed rail service to London, international rail, ports and Manston airport along with £35 million available for loans to growing business, low rent and a skilled workforce together with Kent's natural attractions as a place for businesses to move to.

It also highlights Sandwich Discovery Park and its world-class technology facilities.

Meanwhile, Thames Innovation Growth and Enterprise – Tiger – represents Medway, Dartford, Gravesham and Swale with £20m in funding.

It aims to create 2,000 new jobs and bring in media, manufacturing, technical development, environmental and low carbon businesses. Applications for funding started last Monday.

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Joe is all set to paint the town red in final of top national competition

WINNER: Joe Cook

A BUDDING painter and decorator has won through to the national finals of a major competition.

Joe Cook, 22, who attends K College, won the south east heat of the Dulux Decorator Centres' 2013 Apprentice of the Year contest.

He competed against 12 other applicants at North West Kent College and won through by successfully completing a practical work piece which saw him use a range of skill sets, including wallpapering, stencilling, waterborne glossing and special effects all within a set time.

He said: "The competition was tough, but I thoroughly enjoyed every minute of it. I'm sure the final will be just as challenging, if not more so. I can't wait."

The final will take place at Sandwell College, West Bromwich on June 12-13 and feature ten regional winners.

Learning providers set to get the financial Edge

TECHNICAL, practical and vocational education specialists, the Edge Foundation, will be making funding available for schools, colleges and learning providers to help raise awareness of the benefits of skills-based learning.

Initially up to £500 funding will go towards events to mark VQ Day on June 5, a national celebration of the practical and vocational achievements of learners of all ages, with £4,000 then made available.

College opens doors to prospective students

HADLOW College stages an open evening this week, giving prospective students the opportunity to come along and see what courses it has on offer.

It stages the information evening on Wednesday, April 17, from 5.30-7.30pm.

Students will be able to find out the range of courses and speak to tutors to find out if it would be right for them. The college, near Tonbridge, offers courses up to full honours degrees.

DESIRABLE: Apprenticeships are now on par with university degrees in the eyes of employers

Poll shows apprentices are employers' dream

THERE has been much made of the value of apprenticeships but a recent study has added weight to claims they are now becoming as valuable as more conventional qualifications in the competitive jobs market.

In a major new survey conducted by ICM Research on behalf of the National Apprenticeship Service, 500 employers from across the UK were asked to rate a selection of youngsters with a range of different qualifications.

And in news which will no doubt delight those who have thrown their weight behind apprenticeships as a way of building out of the economic gloom, they rated some apprentices more desirable than university graduates.

The research, designed to draw attention to the Government's online guide to higher apprenticeships, quizzed 500 employers on what they considered they most desirable sets of skills for the workplace.

On an "employability" scale, qualified apprentices were 15 per cent higher than the average of all other types of qualifications (excluding degrees).

And if they had completed a higher apprenticeship – which combines work placement with education up to degree level – they were considered 25 per cent more employable.

The employers – which included the likes of British Airways, PricewaterhouseCoopers (PwC) and Unilever - were asked to rate the employability of people with different qualifications on a scale of one to ten.

Apprenticeships scored on average 7.36, while those with other qualifications rated 6.382. University graduates rated 7.58. Those with higher apprenticeships were most desirable at 7.98.

It comes after the number of higher apprenticeships rockets by 68 per cent during the 2011/12 academic year, compared to the 12 months before.

In total, during the period, some 3,700 started higher apprenticeships.

Skills Minister Matthew Hancock said: "We want apprenticeships or university to become the new norm for young people leaving school and higher apprenticeships are an excellent way to enter high-profile careers while also achieving a degree-level qualification."

David Way, executive director, National Apprenticeship Service added: "We know that apprenticeships deliver real business benefits for employers.

"At the same time, they can provide young people with a nationally recognised work-based route into professions that have traditionally been the preserve of graduates."

Gaenor Bagley, head of people, at PwC, said: "We're finding talent from wider sources than ever before. There's no doubt in our mind that for talented students who are clear about their career path and want to get straight into work, higher apprenticeships offer a real opportunity that doesn't compromise on training and development."

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Union delight as it scoops green award

CANTERBURY College's Students' Union has been recognised in a major awards for its commitment to the environment.

Beating off the challenge of more than 100 other unions from around the UK, it collected the Green Impact Students' Union Bronze Award as the annual National Union of Students Services Convention.

The award demonstrates the college's aim to be more environmentally friendly and reduce its carbon footprint.

Judges were impressed with its work promoting sustainability around the college and a campaign to promote the use of re-useable water bottles instead of buying bottled water.

Student Union president Josh Rowlands said: "It is a tremendous honour to receive the award. It's down to the dedication and hard work of the team here at the college that we won this award."

Green Impact Students' Unions is a programme delivered by the NUS to help colleges and universities improve their environmental practices.

The union's eco-friendly work is part of a wider Canterbury College scheme to reduce its carbon footprint 20 per cent by 2016.

Visitor numbers set for boost as French port expansion unveiled

By Nick Ames
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A MAJOR development scheduled for the Port of Calais will have a significant impact across the Channel, a panel of experts is set to reveal.

Full details of expansion work in France will be unveiled at a meeting in London on Tuesday and while it appears the moves will be mainly positive for Kent, analysts have pointed to some downsides.

Using public money alongside private investment, the French are spending £424 million (€500m) on doubling the size of the port, which will also increase the amount of traffic coming into Dover.

A similar amount is also to be spent on a new logistics park, Calais Premier, which will be an option for distribution and warehousing operations – possibly relocating from facilities on this side of the Channel.

There are also plans to build a new theme park called Spyland on the site of the old Sangatte refugee camp, and a 160-hectare leisure development around the French exit of the Channel Tunnel has been given planning permission.

Planners in France have said this could create jobs for people in Kent.

But it could also take business away from hotels and guest houses in the south east, who fear tourists from abroad could opt to stay in Calais before using the Eurotunnel or ferry to access the UK and London.

P&O Ferries say they are looking forward to the development and any resultant increase in traffic across the Channel.

A spokesman said: "This news is all very exciting and very welcome.

"The French appear to be pressing ahead with their infrastructure plans and even at a time of economic recession they seem able to find the money to do so. Maybe France is adopting a more forward thinking policy. In any case it will be interesting to see the results."

Visit Kent are also optimistic.

"We work closely with our colleagues across the Channel," said a spokeswoman. "Any development that brings people to this area we regard as positive."

TAKING FREIGHT OFF OUR ROADS

A total of 60 per cent of the foreign lorries that use Kent's roads could be removed if plans unveiled by a German company come to fruition.

One of the first tenants at Calais Premier is going to be CargoBeamer which has developed new technology to allow trailers to be transferred from trucks to trains.

The first line, which connects Calais to Legnica in Poland, begins commercial operations this month, and while the system won't be available in the UK for a while, the company plans to open 70 terminals across Europe – including in the UK.

London Array hits 'major milestone' as final wind turbine begins turning

THE world's largest off-shore windfarm is now fully operational as the last of its 175 turbines comes online.

The London Array, jointly owned by Dong Energy, Masdar and EON, said the first phase of the project in the Thames Estuary has now been completed.

The installation is now exporting enough energy to power 500,000 homes via an onshore station at Graveney, near Faversham.

The windfarm is set to generate 630MW, which will result in an estimated cut in CO2 emissions of more than 900,000 tonnes a year. A proposed second phase could boost total capacity to 870MW.

"This is the final major milestone of the construction phase and the culmination of more than two years' offshore construction work which began in March 2011 with the installation of the first foundation," said London Array project director Richard Rigg.

RenewableUK's chief executive, Maria McCaffery, has called on the Government to ensure offshore wind is adequately supported through the upcoming energy bill.

"Britain has a real achievement to celebrate here," she said. "The largest operational offshore wind farm in the world is generating clean electricity for British homes and businesses. It's a monumental feat of green engineering.

"To hold on to the UK's global lead in offshore wind, it's vital we maintain this momentum. We must ensure that the crucial legislation going through Parliament right now – the energy bill – sets a rock-solid framework to encourage investment in renewables."

LANDMARK: London Array, the world's largest off-shore windfarm, is in the Thames Estuary

BUSINESS IN BRIEF

Royal recognition for kitchen company

SIDCUP kitchen manufacturer Stoneham will join more than 200 other Royal Warrant holders at a four-day festival, to be held in the ground of Buckingham Palace in July.

The Coronation Festival is bringing together companies who hold the Royal Warrants of Appointment, the familiar mark of recognition for supplying goods or services to the royal household.

Landowners to benefit from dedicated advice

THE Country Land and Business Association, which promotes rural industry, has appointed Megan Cameron to advise Kent companies.

She said: "I am eager to meet the members and assist them with their queries and support landowners in protecting and maximising their assets."

CLA regional director Robin Edwards said: "Her knowledge will be a real asset."

Hotel focus on changes to employment law

EXPERTS in the field of employment law will be on hand to answer questions at the Mercure Great Danes Hotel, Hollingbourne on Thursday (April 18).

Business are invited along to the event which is being organised by the Kent Invicta Chamber of Commerce and will feature question and answer sessions on legal changes and human resources issues as well as advice on pensions.

Gullands' 'outstanding' rating in top directory

MAIDSTONE-based law firm Gullands has been recognised by the Chambers directory, which is recognised as the top independent guide to the legal firms of the UK.

The business was commended for its "outstanding" advice on criminal and construction law to its commercial and private clients. The company is now more than a century old and has 10 partners with 49 support staff.

Dover cafe renovation story to be told on TV

THE Corner Café in Dover High Street, which has just been renovated and is now open for business, is set to be part of a television show to be broadcast in June.

It will be part of the Homes under the Hammer show, which will tell the story of how it was bought at an auction and upgraded.

"It was run down when we acquired it but it's now fully restored," said owner Louise Gill.

Lloyds appointment vows to help SMEs

LLOYDS TSB Commercial Banking, the division which supports SMEs, has appointed Gareth Oakley as regional director responsible for Kent.

He said: "Our latest Business in Britain survey showed that confidence is at its strongest level since the economy came out of the initial recession. My role will be to work with teams across the region to help capitalise on this optimism, and help SMEs fund growth."

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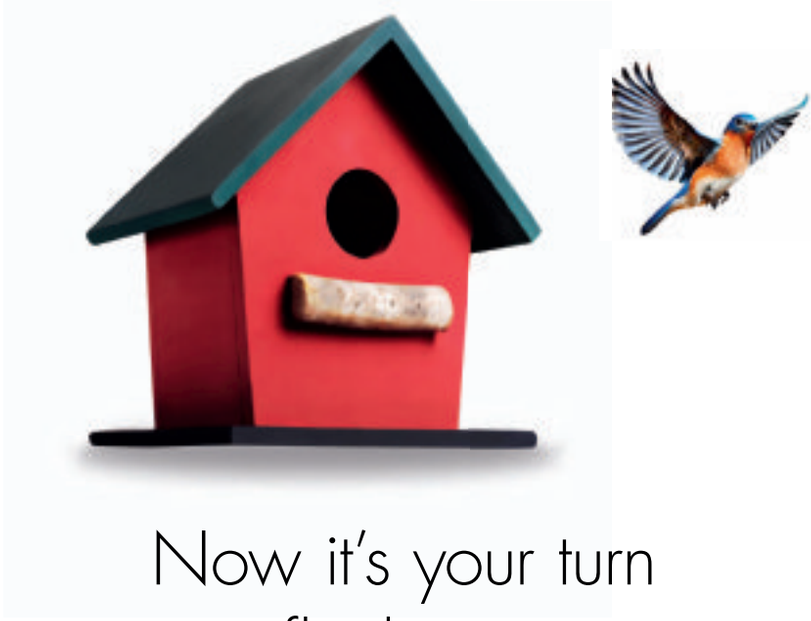

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Renault is on top form as the new Clio takes to the roads

Driving carsforkent.co.uk

By Steve Loader
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SKODA'S best known car, the Octavia, reflects the transformation of its Czech homeland.

The first Octavia was launched in 1959, during the dark days of the Communist era. It was a rather primitive thing alongside Western counterparts – Britain had just produced the Mini, for instance. But when the first modern day Octavia arrived here in 1998, the Czech Republic was firmly established and Skoda was modernising fast with generous investment by new owner, Volkswagen.

We now have a third generation modern Octavia (from £15,990) retaining the familiar hatchback and estate options, but with crisper styling. It is also 90mm longer and 45mm wider, has a 108mm longer wheelbase to make the cabin larger, and is lighter by 102 kilos – equivalent to one adult passenger.

It also changes market position within an expanded seven-strong Skoda range: the Octavia used to straddle two sectors, as a keenly-priced yet bigger rival to cars like the Ford Focus and VW Golf, and as a compact and cheaper alternative in the bigger Ford Mondeo class.

With the affordable all-new Skoda Rapid now tackling the Focus and company though, the Octavia has bulked up slightly to slug it out in the Mondeo's company car 'user chooser' arena, while still pleasing loyal private buyers – the foundation for Skoda's perennial customer satisfaction awards.

These Octavia fans won't complain that their hero is now roomier with more tech and equipment; the three trim levels S, SE and Elegance offer £3,500, £3,890 and £5,300 worth of extra trim respectively against generation two equivalents.

Fixtures and fittings have Skoda's usual solidity, while tech lovers like the eight-inch touchscreen infotainment option. Handling is also taut yet comfortable, as expected from a car based on the impressive VW Golf platform.

There are four launch engines – two petrol and two diesel, with the latter priced from £18,040. All are tax efficient and economical, including a road tax-exempt diesel emitting just 99g/km of CO2 and offering up to 74.3mpg on the official combined cycle. Skoda is adding an ultra frugal Greenline model later.

Company car users will favour the 1.6 and 2.0-litre diesels for now, even if the former is the only Octavia currently with a five rather than six-speed gearbox, which blunts efficiency and refinement a little. The extra upfront cost of the diesels doesn't add up for private buyers though, who are unlikely to cover enough miles to recoup the premium via greater fuel economy.

On top of a £700-2,000 saving, buyers of the 1.2 or 1.4-litre petrol versions also enjoy lively acceleration and nimbler handling, while economy is good; the 1.2TSI has an official 57.7mpg combined and low CO2 emissions exempt it from road tax in year one, and liable for just £30 annually thereafter.

SKODA OCTAVIA
FIRST DRIVE

Price:	£15,990
Driving appeal:	★★★★
Image:	★★★★
Space:	★★★★★
Value:	★★★★★
Running costs:	★★★★★
Reliability:	★★★★★
How green?:	★★★★
Best rival:	Ford Focus

Octavia bulks up against rivals

CHANGING FACE: Clockwise from left; the original Octavia from 1959, rear view of the new hatchback, a glimpse at the interior of the latest models, and the upcoming estate version

DON'T LIKE

... how some diehards will snub it because of the brand's primitive past, but it drives well and is spacious, yet remains excellent value

NOT SURE

... it really will muscle its way into a company car sector now dominated by premium cars, but it will give Ford and Vauxhall a headache

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Clio's return to stylish form

By Steve Loader
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IT'S the car Renault fans and dealers had been waiting for – the latest and fourth generation Clio supermini, priced from £10,595.

The original burst upon the market in 1990, accompanied by the famous Nicole et Papa TV ads and their jaunty Django-esque soundtrack.

The French marque's success and image has since been very much tied to its 'banker' model, and the new car will be a shot in the arm after a turbulent couple of years, highlighted by a culling of the UK line-up last year and the previous Clio losing its lustre prematurely.

The problem was that the Clio Mk3 always looked too big, Renault having sought to make room in the range for its smaller Twingo model.

Designers of the new car have cleverly sought to retain interior space though and add a generous boot, but make it look more compact, largely through a sill insert that appears to pinch the car's waist and height.

And though it will only ever be sold as a five-door, the now familiar industry device of concealing the rear door handles makes it look like a coupe, though this means we won't get a three-door Renaultsport performance variant later on – some fans may mourn that.

Complementing this new exterior glamour, is a fabulous and airy cabin; Renault has chosen to take the Clio upmarket and leave its new budget brand Dacia's Sandero supermini to mop up demand for bargain models.

So, the quality of the Clio's fixtures and fittings is upmarket, with a smart and distinctive infotainment centre and some superb colour highlighting, although I could visualise the blue gloss insets on the test car's steering wheel looking scratched and tired after a while.

Nevertheless, there is scope for personalisation and style, allowing the Clio to also attack the Mini/Fiat 500/Citroen DS3 niche – what I call the handbag/manbag sector.

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UPMARKET: Cool design inside and impressive engineering under the bonnet make the latest Clio a car to be reckoned with

FACT FILE

Driving appeal:	★★★★★
Image:	★★★★★
Space:	★★★★★
Value:	★★★★★
Running costs:	★★★★★
Reliability:	★★★★
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Beneath the car's glitz and glamour though, some impressive engineering has also been wrought, with at least 100 kilos in weight saved across all versions – equivalent to a 15-stone adult passenger.

This can only help a chassis that feels far more nimble than the previous Clio anyway, highlighted admirably by the test car's new turbocharged three-cylinder 0.9-litre petrol unit.

This engine is a clear riposte to Fiat's award-winning TwinAir engine – seen in the Fiat 500 and Panda – and has the same Jekyll and Hyde ability to amble about sipping fuel, yet inject bursts of performance when required – albeit with likely harm to fuel economy.

True, it can be noisy, but there is a fizz about driving it that marks a return to Clio basics that we all liked. However, the rise of these little petrol engines and their beneficial effect on the driving experience in small cars does ruin the case for heavier diesel engines unless you expect to cover lots of miles.

Nevertheless, the Clio's launch line-up also includes a refined new 1.5 dCi 90 diesel, plus a familiar 1.2 petrol, offered as an entry point.

Curiously, none of the launch engines offers a six-speed gearbox for greater economy and cruising refinement, but there are ECO branded models featuring the two new engines.

The petrol ECO version is capable of 65.7mpg on the combined cycle, with road tax-free 99g/km CO2 emissions. The diesel escapes the tax by more with 83g/km and has a class-leading 88.3mpg (combined).

New Clio prices range from £10,595 to £16,095, with new models pitched between those of outgoing three and five-door versions; the Expression+, for instance, costs £230 less than the previous five-door equivalent yet comes with more kit.

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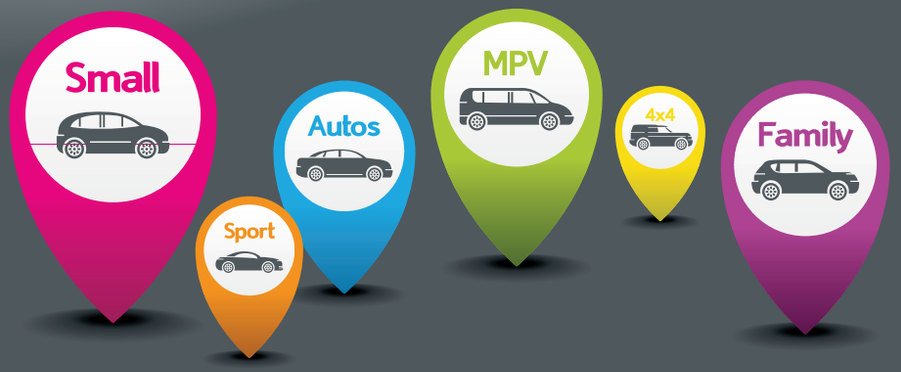

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10 10	**Zafira 1.6 Exclusiv 5dr** Pannacotta	£8,295
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11 11	**Meriva 1.7 CDTi Auto SE 5dr** Silver, 35,950 miles	£8,495
10 60	**Zafira 1.8 Elite 140 5dr** Black, 34,153 miles	£8,995
11 61	**Meriva 1.7 CDTi Auto Exclusiv 5dr** Brown	£9,495
11 11	**Zafira 1.7 CDTi 110 Exclusiv 5dr** Silver, F & R Sensors, 24,483 miles	£10,995
12 62	**Zafira 1.8 Design 5dr** Technical Grey	£11,995
11 11	**Zafira 1.7 CDTi 125 Elite 5dr** Waterworld, 19,623 miles	£12,995
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Telephone enquiries and informal visits to the school welcomed.

Due to the conditions and complex needs of the pupils at Abbey Court School, continuity and consistency of support is paramount and therefore candidates for all positions will need to commit to the full working hours of the post.

This school is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. Any offer of appointment for post is subject to a satisfactory Criminal Records Bureau Disclosure.

Closing date: 26th April 2013

For further details and a job description, please contact Mrs Linda Taylor, Abbey Court School, Rede Court Road, Strood, Kent, ME2 3SP (01634 338236), stating the position for which you are applying.

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All applications to be submitted by 30th April 2013
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Regis Manor Primary School

Middletune Avenue, Milton Regis, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 2HT

Site Maintenance Technician/Caretaker

£14,240 - £16,144 for 37 hours a week - whilst open to negotiation it is likely to be a 6:30am start.

The successful applicant will work as a member of the Site Maintenance team. As well as general caretaking duties they will be expected to undertake site maintenance, and so a good working knowledge and experience with carpentry, electrics, plumbing and decorating is essential. A clean Driving Licence would be beneficial.

Extra payments will be made to cover any out-of-hours lettings during evenings and weekends should the need arise.

You are welcome to contact the school for a preliminary discussion if desired.

Recruitment packs are available online (http://www.regis-manor.kent.sch.uk).

Please note, we cannot accept CVs without an application form.

Closing date: 19th April 2013

Swale Academies Trust is committed to safeguarding and promoting the welfare of children and young people and expects all staff and volunteers to share this commitment. This post is subject to an enhanced CRB check.

Contact Details
Regis Manor Primary School
Tel: 01795 472971 Fax: 01795 472916
Email: C.Wood@regis-manor.kent.sch.uk
Head of School: Mrs C Wood.

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LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES

PUBLIC NOTICE

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL AS LOCAL AUTHORITY

EXPANSION OF WHITEHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL (COMMUNITY)

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Kent County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Whitehill Primary School (Community), Sun Lane, Gravesend, Kent, DA12 5HN from 01 September 2013.

It is proposed to enlarge Whitehill Primary School by 30 Reception Year places taking their PAN to 90 (3FE) for the September 2013 intake.

The current capacity of the school is 420 and the proposed capacity will be 630. The most recent census recorded that there were 409 statutory age pupils registered at the school. The current admission number for the school is 60 and the proposed admission number will be 90.

Successive Reception year intakes will offer 90 places each year and the school will eventually have a total capacity of 630 pupils.

This Notice is an extract from the complete proposal. Copies of the complete proposal can be obtained from: Education Cabinet Committee, Kent County Council, Sessions House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XQ, or from the KCC website.

Within four weeks from the date of publication of these proposals, any person may object to or make comments on the proposal by sending them to Simon Webb, Area Education Officer, Green Zone, Commercial Buildings, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4QG.

Patrick Leeson
Corporate Director,
Education Learning & Skills,
Kent County Council.

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LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTION 116
STOPPING UP OF LAND AT
Ash Road, Westerham

I AM GIVING NOTICE THAT the Kent County Council propose to make an application to the Magistrates sitting at Sevenoaks Magistrates Court on 28th May 2013 at 10.00am for an Order under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 to extinguish highway rights on the grounds that they are unnecessary on land adjacent to Ash Road as highlighted on the plan on deposit.

A copy of this notice and the plan referred to are on deposit, and can be seen during normal office hours, at the main reception of Kent County Council at Ashford Highways Depot, Javelin Way, TN24 8AD.

If you require further information or would like to discuss this matter, please contact Traffic Schemes & Member Highway Fund at Kent County Council Highways and Transportation in writing at the address given below, or by telephone on 08458 247 800 (24 hour contact centre).

JOHN BURR
DIRECTOR OF HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION

Traffic Schemes & Member Highway Fund
Ashford Highway Depot
Henwood Industrial Estate
Javelin Way
Ashford
Kent TN24 8AD

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980 - SECTION 116
STOPPING UP OF LAND AT
Four Elms Road, Edenbridge

I AM GIVING NOTICE THAT the Kent County Council propose to make an application to the Magistrates sitting at Sevenoaks Magistrates Court on 28th May 2013 at 10:00am for an Order under Section 116 of the Highways Act 1980 to extinguish highway rights on the grounds that they are unnecessary on land adjacent to Four Elms Road as highlighted on the plan on deposit.

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Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 11 OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

Proposed development at: Former Lily Spice Restaurant, A249 Stockbury Valley, Stockbury, Maidstone ME9 7QN

Take notice that application is being made by:
Mr Charles Plumley

For planning permission to:
Change of use from restaurant to vehicle sales, alterations to building and formation of display area

Local planning authority to whom the application is being submitted: Maidstone Borough Council, King Street, Maidstone ME15 6JQ

Any owner of the land or tenant who wishes to make representations about this application, should write to the council within 21 days of the date of this notice.

Signed: Mr Roy Speer
Date: 9th April 2013

Statement of owner's rights: The grant of planning permission does not affect owner's rights to retain or dispose of their property, unless there is some provision to the contrary in an agreement or lease.
Statement of agricultural tenants' rights: The grant of planning permission for non-agricultural development may affect agricultural tenants' security of tenure.
'Owner' means a person having a freehold interest or a leasehold interest the unexpired term of which is not less than seven years.
'Tenant' means a tenant of an agricultural holding any part of which is comprised in the land.

PUBLIC NOTICE
KENT COUNTY COUNCIL AS LOCAL AUTHORITY
EXPANSION OF MANOR PRIMARY SCHOOL (COMMUNITY)

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Kent County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Manor Primary School (Community), Keary Road, Swanscombe, Kent, DA10 0BU from 01 September 2013.

It is proposed to enlarge Manor Primary School by 30 Reception Year places taking their PAN to 90 (3FE) for the September 2013 intake.

The current capacity of the school is 420 and the proposed capacity will be 630. The most recent census recorded that there were 452 statutory age pupils registered at the school. The current admission number for the school is 60 and the proposed admission number will be 90.

Successive Reception year intakes will offer 90 places each year and the school will eventually have a total capacity of 630 pupils.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
KENT COUNTY COUNCIL AS LOCAL AUTHORITY
EXPANSION OF SOUTHBOROUGH CHURCH OF ENGLAND PRIMARY SCHOOL (VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED)

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Kent County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Southborough Church of England Primary School (Voluntary Controlled), Broomhill Park Road, Southborough, Kent, TN4 0JY from 01 September 2013.

It is proposed to enlarge Southborough Church of England Primary School by 30 Reception Year places taking their PAN to 90 (3FE) for the September 2013 intake.

The current capacity of the school is 420 and the proposed capacity will be 630. The most recent census recorded that there were 370 statutory age pupils registered at the school. The current admission number for the school is 60 and the proposed admission number will be 90.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
KENT COUNTY COUNCIL AS LOCAL AUTHORITY
EXPANSION OF KNOCKHALL PRIMARY SCHOOL (COMMUNITY)

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Kent County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Knockhall Primary School (Community), Eynsford Road, Greenhithe, Kent, DA9 9RF from 01 September 2014.

It is proposed to enlarge Knockhall Primary School by 30 Reception Year places taking their PAN to 90 (3FE) for the September 2014 intake.

The current capacity of the school is 420 and the proposed capacity will be 630. The most recent census recorded that there were 361 statutory age pupils registered at the school. The current admission number for the school is 60 and the proposed admission number will be 90.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
KENT COUNTY COUNCIL AS LOCAL AUTHORITY
EXPANSION OF OAKFIELD PRIMARY SCHOOL (COMMUNITY)

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Kent County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Oakfield Primary School (Community), Oakfield Lane, Dartford, Kent, DA1 2SW from 01 September 2013.

It is proposed to enlarge Oakfield Primary School by 30 Reception Year places taking their PAN to 90 (3FE) for the September 2013 intake.

The current capacity of the school is 420 and the proposed capacity will be 630. The most recent census recorded that there were 440 statutory age pupils registered at the school. The current admission number for the school is 60 and the proposed admission number will be 90.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
KENT COUNTY COUNCIL AS LOCAL AUTHORITY
EXPANSION OF FLEETDOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL (COMMUNITY)

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Kent County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Fleetdown Primary School (Community), Lunedale Road, Dartford, Kent, DA2 6JX from 01 September 2013.

It is proposed to enlarge Fleetdown Primary School by 30 Reception Year places taking their PAN to 90 (3FE) for the September 2013 intake.

The current capacity of the school is 420 and the proposed capacity will be 630. The most recent census recorded that there were 411 statutory age pupils registered at the school. The current admission number for the school is 60 and the proposed admission number will be 90.

Successive Reception year intakes will offer 90 places each year and the school will eventually have a total capacity of 630 pupils.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
KENT COUNTY COUNCIL AS LOCAL AUTHORITY
EXPANSION OF DARTFORD BRIDGE PRIMARY SCHOOL (COMMUNITY)

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Kent County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Dartford Bridge Primary School (Community), Birdwood Avenue, Dartford, Kent, DA1 5GB from 01 September 2013.

It is proposed to enlarge Dartford Bridge Primary School by 30 Reception Year places taking their PAN to 60 (2FE) for the September 2013 intake.

The current capacity of the school is 210 and the proposed capacity will be 420. The most recent census recorded that there were 160 statutory age pupils registered at the school. The current admission number for the school is 30 and the proposed admission number will be 60.

Successive Reception year intakes will offer 60 places each year and the school will eventually have a total capacity of 420 pupils.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
KENT COUNTY COUNCIL AS LOCAL AUTHORITY
EXPANSION OF LANGTON GREEN PRIMARY SCHOOL (COMMUNITY)

Notice is given in accordance with section 19(1) of the Education and Inspections Act 2006 that Kent County Council intends to make a prescribed alteration to Langton Green Primary School (Community), Lampington Row, Langton Green, Tunbridge Wells, Kent, TN3 0JG from 01 September 2013.

It is proposed to enlarge Langton Green Primary School by 30 Reception Year places taking their PAN to 60 (2FE) for the September 2013 intake.

The current capacity of the school is 210 and the proposed capacity will be 420. The most recent census recorded that there were 221 statutory age pupils registered at the school. The current admission number for the school is 30 and the proposed admission number will be 60.

Successive Reception year intakes will offer 60 places each year and the school will eventually have a total capacity of 420 pupils.

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Publication Date: 14th April 2013

THE BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE (OFF STREET PARKING PLACES) (VARIATION No. 5) ORDER 2013

Notice is hereby given that MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL have made the above Order under section 35 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, having obtained the consent of the Kent County Council in accordance with Section 39(3) of the Act, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 of the Act -

The Order was made on the 10th April 2013 and will come into effect on the 16th April 2013

The Order will;

(i) Revise car park tariffs as follows -

Short stay car parks	Between 8am and 6.30pm - Up to 30 Minutes	£0.50p
	Between 8am and 6.30pm - Up to 1 Hour	£0.90p
Wheeler Street	Between 8am and 6.30pm - Up to 3 Hours	£2.00
Brewer Street	Between 8am and 6.30pm - Up to 4 Hours	£3.00
	Between 6.30pm and 8am - any period	£1.50
All Long stay	Between 8am and 6.30pm - Up to 1 Hour	£0.90p
car parks	Between 8am and 6.30pm - Up o 3 Hours	£2.00
	Between 8am and 6.30pm - Up to 4 hours	£3.00
Except Lockmeadow	Between 8am and 6.30pm- Up to 5 Hours	£4.50
	Between 8am and 6.30pm - Over 5 Hours	£6.00
	Between 6.30pm and 8am - any period	£1.50
Short stay car parks	Between 8am and 6.30pm - Up to 1 Hour	£0.90p
Mote Road	Between 8am and 6.30pm - Up to 3 Hours	£2.00
Mill Street	Between 8am and 6.30pm - Up to 4 Hours	£3.00
Medway Street	Between 6.30pm and 8am - any period	£1.50
King Street		
Short stay car parks	Between 8am and 6.30pm - Up to 3 Hours	£2.00
Palace Avenue	Between 8am and 6.30pm - Up to 4 Hours	£3.00
	Between 6.30pm and 8am - any period	£1.50

(ii) Amend the maximum stay of 2 hours in the Yeoman Lane Car Park (Bearsted) to 3 Hours with operational times of 08.00am to 6.30pm Monday to Friday excluding Bank holidays

Item	Parking Place	Classes of Vehicles
26	Yeoman Lane Land situated on the North Side of Ashford Road	(i) Passenger car (ii) Motorcycle without sidecar (iii) Other vehicles with a maximum gross weight not exceeding 1 ton

Days of Parking	Hours of Parking	Duration of Parking
Monday to Friday exc. Bank Holidays	08.00am to 6.30pm	3 hours together at any time

To include in the order the provision of cashless parking within the Car Parks

A Copy of the made Order, and a statement of the Council's reasons for proposing to make the Order may be examined at the Reception Desk The Gateway, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, ME15 6JQ during normal office hours.

A information pack will also be available in the (Kent County Council), County Hall, Maidstone ME14 1XX.

Any person wishing to question the validity of an order or any of it's provisions on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that a requirement of any such enabling Act or of any relevant regulations made thereunder has not been complied with, may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made, make application for the purpose to the High Court.

If you have any questions concerning the Order or require further information please contact Maidstone Borough Council Parking Services (01622 602377) during normal office hours.

Transport & Parking Services Manager
Maidstone House
King Street
Maidstone ME15 6JQ

LEGAL AND PUBLIC NOTICES

Grounds Maintenance Contract

Opportunity to declare an interest in tendering for the above contract.

For further information please contact

Mr. J. Lycett (Procurement Manager) at lycett@danecourt.kent.sch.uk by 22 April 2013

This contract is subject to site operative staff having passed "Enhanced CRB Disclosure procedures". Dane Court Grammar

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Planning applications

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL

Notice under Article 13 of the Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010
Notice under Article 8 of the Town & Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995
Notice under Section 67 and/or Section 73 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990
Notice under Regulation 5 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990
Notice under Regulation 5A of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) (Amendment) (England) Regulations 2004

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the council:

CA//13/00284/FUL: 65-67 High Street, Whitstable, CT5 1AU Installation of one external condenser unit on rear flat roof. **Applicant: Barclays Bank PLC** Reason: Conservation area.

CA//13/00289/FUL: Land at Little Hall Farm, St Stephen's Hill, Hackington Change of use and development of a crematorium with associated parking, access and landscaping including memorial gardens for the scattering of ashes. **Applicant: Mercia Crematoria Developments Ltd** Reason: Contrary/Major/Conservation

CA//13/00305/FUL: Quaives Cottage, Seaton Road, Wickhambreaux, CT3 1RW Change of use of garden office to annexe including alterations and extensions. **Applicant: Mrs Hayward** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.

CA//13/00494/FUL: Netherbury, Meadow Close, Bridge, CT4 5AT Remove defective flat roof to existing flank elevation, build up external walls to a level with main building brickwork and extend existing main roof to form a new roof hip to the flank end. **Applicant: Mr John Shirley** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.

CA//13/00495/FUL: 127 Island Wall, Whitstable, CT5 1DY Replacement of rear extension and rear garages. **Applicant: Mrs S Jones** Reason: Conservation area.

CA//13/00500/LB: Netherbury, Meadow Close, Bridge, CT4 5AT Remove defective flat roof to existing flank elevation, build up external walls to a level with main building brickwork and extend existing main roof to form a new roof hip to flank end. **Applicant: Mr John Shirley** Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA//13/00520/FUL: 8 St Augustines Road, Canterbury, CT1 1XP Proposed side/rear extension to dwelling (amendments to CA/11/00204/FUL). **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Mellor** Reason: Conservation area.

CA//13/00527/FUL: 80 High Street, Herne Bay, CT6 5LE Change of use from bakery/sandwich shop into hot food take-away (Use Class A5) and restaurant (Use Class A3). Replacement shopfront and extractor duct to the rear of the property. **Applicant: Favorite Fried Chicken Ltd** Reason: Conservation area.

CA//13/00529/FUL: 1 Great Pett Oast, Pett Hill, Bridge, CT4 5AN Erection of wooden summer house/shed to serve allotment in top field. **Applicant: Mr Shirley** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.

CA//13/00550/FUL: St George's Street, Canterbury Use of pedestrianised public highway to facilitate provision of a new development market day on Thursdays with provision of associated gazebos. **Applicant: Canterbury City Council** Reason: Conservation area.

CA//13/00568/FUL: The Pines, School Lane, Ickham, CT3 1QU Single-storey side and rear extension. (Revised scheme). **Applicant: Mr K Pettet** Reason: Conservation area.

CA//13/00571/FUL: Chequers House, High Street, Fordwich, CT2 0DX Conversion and single-storey extension of garage to form a self-contained unit of accommodation to be occupied as ancillary residential annexe. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs T Hurst** Reason: Conservation area.

CA//13/00575/FUL: 28 Gordon Road, Canterbury, CT1 3PW Proposed single-storey rear extension. **Applicant: Mr K Smith** Reason: Conservation area.

CA//13/00576/FUL: Horton Chapel, Cockering Road, Chartham, CT4 7LG Conversion of ruined chapel and oasthouses into single new dwelling. **Applicant: Swanbest** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.

CA//13/00577/FUL: 82 St Dunstans Street, Canterbury, CT2 8AD Replacement of existing single-storey outbuildings with two-storey extension to the flat above shop and addition of a high level dormer and a lower level window facing the rear in the existing building. **Applicant: Ms Jones** Reason: Conservation area.

CA//13/00579/FUL: 53 Charles Street, Herne Bay, CT6 5HW Replace existing front door with composite new door. **Applicant: Ms Valerie Inwood** Reason: Conservation area.

CA//13/00580/LB: Horton Chapel Farm, Cockering Road, Chartham, CT4 7LG Listed building consent for conversion of ruined chapel and oasthouses into single new dwelling. **Applicant: Swanbest** Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA//13/00581/FUL: 35 St Margaret's Street, Canterbury, CT1 2TG Removal of existing single-storey extensions to rear and erection of new single-storey rear extension with lantern roof over and internal alterations to building. **Applicant: Incafield** Reason: Setting of listed building in conservation area.

CA//13/00582/LB: 35 St Margaret's Street, Canterbury, CT1 2TG Removal of existing single-storey extensions to rear and erection of new single-storey rear extension with lantern roof over and internal alterations to building. **Applicant: Incafield** Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA//13/00583/FUL: 38 St Augustine's Road, Canterbury, CT1 1XR Proposed rear/side single-storey extension. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Hadler** Reason: Conservation area.

CA//13/00591/LB: The Old Cottage, Bekesbourne Lane, Canterbury, CT3 4AB Proposed conversion of subdivided units back into one dwelling, erection of two-storey side extension, erection of rear extension, replacement single-storey rear extension, glass link between dwelling and outbuilding, replacement barn to provide ancillary home office; garaging provision associated with the old cottage and change of use of land from agricultural into residential curtilage. **Applicant: Mr and Mrs Oates** Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA//13/00598/LB: 24 Watling Street, Canterbury, CT1 2UD Existing external bin store to be removed in full and new bin store to be created. Existing timber gate to be removed and new wrought iron gates to be added. New decorations to external wall within drinking area, new lighting added and new TV positioned to external wall. Internal refurbishment including removal of existing items and inclusion of new fixed seating and booth seating as well as new timber drink shelves and screens. New internal lighting points generally throughout interior. New lighting points to window positions. New external lights to suit separate application from Ashleigh Signs. **Applicant: Spirit Pub Company** Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA//13/00603/FUL: 21 Roper Road, Canterbury, CT2 7EG Extension of existing bungalow consisting of first-floor extension. **Applicant: Mr Hussey** Reason: Conservation area.

CA//13/00605/FUL: 148 Mortimer Street, Herne Bay, CT6 5DX Change of use of No148 Mortimer Street from hairdressers/beauty salon (Use Class A1) to a cafe/restaurant (Use Class A3) to be adjoined with existing cafe/restaurant at No150 Mortimer Street and change of use of first-floor flat at No148 Mortimer Street from hairdressers/beauty salon to a self-contained residential apartment. **Applicant: Beano's Café** Reason: Conservation area.

CA//13/00607/LB: 8 High Street, Canterbury, CT1 2JH Conversion and refurbishment of upper floors (1st and 2nd) from Use Class A2 (financial services) to four residential studios/flats (Use Class C3 residential). Applicant: Capita Trust Company Ltd Reason: Work to a listed building.

CA//13/00608/FUL: 37 Downs Park, Herne Bay, CT6 6BZ Demolition of existing extension and construction of a new single-storey extension and decking area to rear of dwelling. Replacement of existing single glazed windows with new double glazed upvc units throughout and creation of vehicle cross over point for accessing a driveway. **Applicant: Mr Mills** Reason: Conservation area.

Any representations should be sent in writing to the Head of Planning and Regeneration, Canterbury City Council, Military Road, Canterbury CT1 1YW or e-mailed to **development.management@canterbury.gov.uk** to arrive on or before **Monday 6 May 2013.**

The weekly list of applications can be viewed on our website at: **www.canterbury.gov.uk/dc**

Ian Brown, Head of Planning and Regeneration
Friday 12 April 2013

PLANNING

Public Notice

14 April 2013

CANTERBURY CITY COUNCIL

Notice of Public Local Inquiry
Town and Country Planning Act 1990 Section 257

Notice is hereby given that an Inspector will be appointed by the Secretary of State for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs to determine

The Canterbury City Council (Footpath CB68 Part)
Land adjoining 73 Sweechgate, Broad Oak, Sturry CT2 OQR

and will attend at **The Marion Attwood Room, Council Offices, Military Road, Canterbury, CT1 1YW** on **Wednesday 15 May 2013** at **10am** to hold a public local inquiry into the Order

The effect of the Order, if confirmed without modifications, will be to divert the entire width of that part of public footpath CB68 which runs from a point south south east of No 73 at Sweechgate (Point A on the map attached to the Order) in a north north westerly direction for 40 metres to the road adjacent to No 73 at Sweechgate (marked Point B on the plan attached to the Order) and create an alternative footpath instead to a line running from the same Point marked A in a north north easterly direction for 34 metres to a point further along the road at Sweechgate marked Point C on the plan attached to the Order (this being approximately some 12 metres from Point B on the plan attached to the Order). The new route to have a width throughout of 2.7 metres.

Any person wishing to view the statements of case and other documents relating to this Order may do so by appointment at Canterbury City Council Offices, Military Road, Canterbury, CT1 1YW Monday to Friday between the hours of 9am to 5pm. Contact Pauline Goldsack on **01227 862 018** to make an appointment.

Planning Inspectorate Reference: FPS/J2210/5/2

Contact point at the Planning Inspectorate:
Clive Richards, Rights of Way Section, Room 3/25, Hawk Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Temple Quay, Bristol BS1 6PN
Tel: **0303 4445502** E-mail: **clive.richards@pins.gsi.gov.uk**

Canterbury City Council

Notice is hereby given that a meeting of the Canterbury City Council will be held at The Guildhall, Westgate, Canterbury at 7pm on Thursday 25 April 2013.

Colin Carmichael
Chief Executive
Canterbury City Council
Military Road
Canterbury CT1 1YW

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 13 OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

KCC/SW/0117/2013 - Proposed development at Countrystyle Ltd, Ridham Dock, Iwade, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME9 8SR

Countrystyle Recycling Ltd is applying to Kent County Council for planning permission to vary condition (16) of planning permission SW/12/445 to allow for inert, commercial and municipal waste to be managed in the existing Materials Recycling Facility (MRF) at the site.

You may view this application at Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, Kent, ME10 3HT.

Alternatively, details of all applications can be viewed on Kent County Council's website at www.kent.gov.uk/viewapplications or at our offices in Maidstone at the address below during all reasonable office hours.

We accept comments online via our website, by email to planning.applications@kent.gov.uk or in writing to Planning Applications Group, Kent County Council, First Floor, Invicta House, County Hall, Maidstone, Kent ME14 1XX within 21 days from the date of this notice. Please quote the application reference number and note that comments may be drawn to the attention of Council Members, the applicant and other interested persons and may include publishing on the Borough Council website.

Sharon Thompson
Head of Planning
Applications Group
Kent County Council
Dated: 14th April 2013

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THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(THE DISTRICT OF SHEPWAY)

(FOLKESTONE SEAFRONT AND THE STADE PARKING ZONE) ORDER 2012

(THE STADE AND HOTEL VISITOR VOUCHER) (AMENDMENT NO 1) ORDER 2013

Notice is hereby given that KENT COUNTY COUNCIL proposes the above Order under Sections 1, 2, 32, 45 and 124 of and Part IV of Schedule 9 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act:

The Order shall come into effect on the 15th April 2013 and shall provide the following:

The Order shall revoke the following restrictions -

Fish Market - Zone C2 permit holders only parking on the south-east side, from a point 5.3 metres east of the south east wall of No. 1, south west for a distance of 27.3 metres

The Stade - Zone C2 permit holders only parking on the south-east side, from a point 11.4 metres north-east of its junction with Fish Market north-east for 19 metres

The Order shall introduce the following restrictions -

Fish Market - Free time limited waiting for 30 minutes and Zone C2 permit holders parking on the South-east side, from a point 5.3 metres east of the south east wall of No. 1, south west for a distance of 27.3 metres

The Stade - Free time limited waiting for 1 hour on the South-east side, from a point 11.5 metres north-east of its junction with Fish Market, east for 18.5 metres; Zone C2 permit holders only parking on the South-east side, from a point 3.7 metres north-east of the common boundary of Nos. 10 and 11 south west and the west for a distance of 66 metres

The Order shall amend the following restrictions -

The Stade and East Street - All permit holder parking places shall apply from 08:00 to 20:00 hours on all days of the week, including public holidays

A copy of the Order together with a copy of any Orders which will be amended by the above Order, and a statement of the Council's reasons for making the Order may be inspected during normal office hours at the District Council Offices, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY, during normal office hours.

If you have any questions concerning the Order or require further information please contact Shepway District Council (Parking Services), Council Offices, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, CT20 2QY (01303 853240) during normal office hours.

This Notice is published by Shepway District Council on behalf of Kent Highway Services, Environment and Regeneration, County Hall, Maidstone, ME14 1XX. Kent Highway Services is part of Kent County Council.

PLANNING

Folkestone Hythe & Romney Marsh Shepway District Council

THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) (ENGLAND) ORDER 2010

The following applications have been submitted for consideration by the Council:

Y13/0232/SH+ - Communications Mast Rectory Lane Saltwood Kent - Installation of 6 new antennas as replacements for 3 existing antennas and 2 600mm dish antennas on existing mast, together with 3 equipment cabinets on extended steel platform and associated extended site fencing. (Telecommunication Notification)

Y13/0294/SH# - Land adjoining Owlers Church Lane New Romney Kent - Section 73 application to vary condition 2 of planning permission Y08/1003/SH, to delay the off-site highway works until first occupation of any dwelling with an alternative route for construction traffic via Mountfield Road Industrial Estate.

Y13/0188/SH - Garden Flat 21 Clifton Crescent Folkestone Kent CT20 2EN - Installation of timber double opening doors to the bay window following removal of the existing window.

Y13/0308/SH - Garden Flat 21 Clifton Crescent Folkestone Kent CT20 2EN - Listed building consent for the installation of timber double opening doors to the bay window following removal of the existing window.

Y13/0233/SH# - 16 High Street New Romney Kent TN28 8BY - Conservation area consent for the demolition of the rear single storey (former motel) extension of the building.

Y13/0059/SH# - First floor offices Aboyne House 46 High Street New Romney Kent - Listed building consent for internal alterations including replacement staircase together with rendering of first floor of northwest elevation to replace existing tile hanging and replacement of existing rainwater goods in connection with proposed change of use and conversion of first and second floors from offices to 3 self contained flats (Class C3).

Y13/0040/SH# - First floor offices Aboyne House 46 High Street New Romney Kent - Change of use and conversion of first and second floors from office accommodation to 3 self contained flats (Class C3). Together with rendering of first floor of northwest elevation to replace existing tile hanging and other external alterations.

Y13/0292/SH - 22 Radnor Cliff Folkestone Kent CT20 2JJ - Erection of extension to existing sun room to rear.

Y13/0314/SH - Lavender House High Street Elham Canterbury Kent - Change of use of building to a mixed use for residential and physiotherapy business.

Y13/0296/SH - Flat 1 2 Albion Villas Folkestone Kent CT20 1RP - Crown reduction of a Holm Oak tree situated within a conservation area comprising the reduction in height by a maximum of 3 metres and the reduction of laterals by approximately 1 metre.

Y13/0297/SH - Homepine House Sandgate Road Folkestone Kent CT20 2XB - Felling of a Sycamore tree situated within a conservation area, followed by the planting of a replacement tree.

Y13/0285/SH - Augusta Gardens Sandgate Road Folkestone Kent - Various pruning works to a Holm Oak (T1) and a Pine (T2) both situated within a conservation area.

Any representations should be made in writing to the Head of Planning, Shepway District Council, Civic Centre, Castle Hill Avenue, Folkestone, Kent, CT20 2QY or emailed to planning@shepway.gov.uk. Comments should be made in writing within 21 days from the date of publication. It should be noted that any representations received will be made available for public inspection.

Some applications can be viewed at other locations in addition to the Civic Centre, Folkestone. The applications are marked as follows:

- The One Stop Shop, Magpies, Church Approach, New Romney

\+ - Hythe Town Council Offices, Stade Street, Hythe

Applications can be viewed and comments made online at http://searchplanapps.shepway.gov.uk/online-applications/.

The applications marked (*) do not accord with the provisions of the development plan in force in the area in which the land to which the application relates is situated.

C Lewis, Head of Planning
Shepway District Council

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Swale BOROUGH COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990

Swale Borough Council as Local Planning Authority has received the following applications which are being advertised to ascertain the views of persons living near the sites and other interested parties. The proposed developments relate to one or more of the following:

1. The site of the application is within/affecting a designated Conservation Area (Section 73) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.
2. The proposed development may affect the Listed Building or it's setting.
3. The application is for a Major Development.
6. This application may be of wider public interest.

REPRESENTATIONS IN RESPECT OF THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS MUST BE MADE BY 29 APRIL 2013

SW/13/0226:
Erection of wooden shed - Old Cottage, Highsted Valley, RODMERSHAM; **REASON 2**

SW/13/0262:
Proposed motor vehicle showroom with linked valeting facility - Former Macknade Garden Centre, Canterbury Road, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 2**

SW/13/0297:
The construction of a 3 room accommodation building to support the plough - The Plough, Stalisfield Green, STALISFIELD; **REASONS 1, 2 & 3**

SW/13/0332:
Variation of condition 54 of SW/11/0159 to extend the opening hours of the petrol filling station on a Sunday - Morrisons Petrol Filling Station, Mill Way, SITTINGBOURNE; **REASON 3**

SW/13/0339:
Proposed new detached house to replace former barn (amendment to scheme approved under planning permission SW/03/1308) - 58 High Street, Newington, SITTINGBOURNE; **REASON 1 & 2**

SW/13/0364:
To replace timber windows with timber windows - 40 Abbey Street, FAVERSHAM; **REASON1**

SW/13/0365:
To replace timber windows with timber windows - 37 Abbey Street, FAVERSHAM; **REASON 1**

SW/13/0368:
Delete condition 50 of planning permission SW/11/0159 to allow unrestricted deliveries to the foodstore and petrol filling station - Morrisons Foodstore and Petrol Filling Station, Mill Way, SITTINGBOURNE; **REASON 3**

SW/13/0374:
Single storey extension to existing warehouse - Young Brothers Transport, Highstreet Road, HERNHILL; **REASON 3**

SW/13/0381:
Change of use of unit 2 for the servicing, repair and sale of farm equipment - Owens Court Farm, Selling, FAVERSHAM; **REASONS 2 & 6**

Particulars of the proposal(s) can be obtained from Planning Services, Swale Borough Council, Swale House, East Street, Sittingbourne, where copies of the applications and all documents submitted with them may be inspected during office hours; any representations should be made in writing to this address.

James Freeman
Head of Planning

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THE MAIDSTONE BOROUGH COUNCIL
Town and Country Planning Act
Notice of Applications

MA/13/0397/N - THE WHITE COTTAGE, FLINT LANE, LENHAM, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME17 2EN - Demolition of existing dwelling and outbuildings and removal of existing hardstanding areas and erection of detached replacement dwelling with separate garage building/workshop and staff flat. **Reason: 6 7**

MA/13/0431/N - 37, ASHFORD ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 5DP - Erection of detached bungalow with associated parking. **Reason: 3**

MA/13/0442/S - REED COURT FARM, HUNTON ROAD, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9SX - Conversion of barn to 2 residential dwellings with erection of outbuildings and garaging. **Reason: 1 7**

MA/13/0443/S - REED COURT FARM, HUNTON ROAD, MARDEN, TONBRIDGE, KENT, TN12 9SX - An application for listed building consent for the conversion of barn to 2 residential dwellings with demolition of existing garage and outbuildings and erection of replacement outbuildings and garaging. **Reason: 3**

MA/13/0450/S - 18, WELL STREET, LOOSE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME15 0EJ - Rear extension including roof dormer. **Reason: 2**

MA/13/0451/N - ROYAL GEORGE, 2, BOXLEY ROAD, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 2TH - Installation of 12No. solar panels to south west roof slope. **Reason: 1**

MA/13/0454/N - 69-77, WEEK STREET, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1QY - Removal of existing window and stall riser and insertion of roller shutter to St Faith's Street elevation. **Reason: 1 2**

MA/13/0459/S - 19, EARL STREET, MAIDSTONE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 1PL - Change of use from A1 retail to A3 restaurant including alterations to existing shop front comprising removal of one set of entrance doors and reinstatement of shop front to match existing. **Reason: 1 2**

MA/13/0464/N - LAND ADJACENT TO 27, CASTLE DENE, MAIDSTONE, KENT, ME14 2NH - Erection of a detached dwelling and garage. **Reason: 1**

MA/13/0467/N - BICKNOR COURT, BICKNOR LANE, BICKNOR, SITTINGBOURNE, KENT, ME9 8AY - An application for listed building consent for the replacement of cement panels with oak laths and lime render, repair of oak framing if required. **Reason: 3**

Reasons for advertisement key:
1 - Applications affects the setting of a Listed Building.
2 - Application affects the setting of a Conservation Area.
3 - Application is for Listed Building Consent.
6 - Application is Major Development.
7 - Application affects a Public Right of Way.

MAIDSTONE Borough Council

Copies of applications listed may be seen at Maidstone Gateway, Maidstone during office hours (Monday to Friday 8.30am to 5.30pm, and Saturday 9am to 1pm). Any representations should be made in writing to me by no later than **28th April 2013**, quoting the application number.

Rob Jarman, Head of Development Management, Maidstone Borough Council, Maidstone House, King Street, Maidstone, Kent ME15 6JQ. **Dated:** 14th April 2013.

DOVER DISTRICT COUNCIL

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
PLANNING APPLICATIONS
LISTED BUILDING CONSENTS
CONSERVATION AREA CONSENTS

DEAL

DOV/13/00040 Installation of replacement windows **CON**
182 Beach Street, Deal, CT14 6LF

DOV/13/00198 Installation of rear window and replacement of front windows, painting of front door and courtyard walls **LCN**
3 Dolphin Street, Deal, CT14 6LX

DOV/13/00199 Installation of rear window and replacement windows to front, painting of front door and courtyard walls and internal alterations **LCN**
3 Dolphin Street, Deal, CT14 6LX

DOV/13/00236 Retrospective application for the installation of replacement windows **LCN**
Upper Floor Flat, 69 Beach Street, Deal, CT14 6HY

DOV/13/00237 Installation of replacement windows **LCN**
Upper Floor Flat, 69 Beach Street, Deal, CT14 6HY

SANDWICH

DOV/12/00386 Change of use to an equestrian centre, including office / reception and staff welfare facilities to provide 24 hour security, erection of 8 stables and tack room, extension to existing building at entrance, horse walker, construction of a manege with associated lighting, and relocation of existing shed (existing silos to be demolished) **ARW**
Great Poulders Farm, Poulders Road, Sandwich, CT13 0LX

Reason for Advert Codes:-

ARW - Affect a Public Right of Way
BRD - Affects a Public Right of Way and is a Departure
CDP - Departure from the Development Plan
SEA - Accompanied by an Environmental Statement
MAJ - Major Development
MAR - Major Development & Affects a Public Rights of Way
CMRW - The proposal is a departure from the development plan, affects a Right of Way and is a Major
CON - In a Conservation Area
LCN - Listed Building in a Conservation Area

SOME APPLICATIONS ARE NOT PUBLICISED IN THIS LIST. All applications may be inspected at the Council Offices, White Cliffs Business Park, Dover, to which address any representations (to include a postal address) should be sent within 21 days marked "for the attention of Planning". Applications may also be viewed, and comments on applications may be made on our website www.dover.gov.uk/planning or at Dover Gateway, 71 Castle Street, Dover, Deal Library or the Area Office, The Guildhall, Sandwich

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Please note that the Council does not accept any responsibility for any incomplete or inaccurate description of any application.

Town and Country Planning Acts

The Council is required to give notice of the following applications

13/00701/FUL The Schools At Somerhill Somerhill, Capel
- Construction of new music school, demolish and relocation of maintenance compound (LB)

13/00711/FUL Brook Farm Five Oak Green Road, Capel
- Extension of time - Erection of motorcycle showroom and workshops with ancillary accommodation, storage and vehicle sales (TW/09/04071 refers) (LB) (DEVPLN)

13/00735/HOUSE 29 Molyneux Park Road Royal Tunbridge Wells, Culverden
- Replacement and enlargement of balcony, blocking first floor flank elevation doorway and removal of metal staircase (CA)

13/00719/FULMJ Macdonald Court Courthope, Paddock Wood
- Demolition of existing 3-storey block of 28 sheltered flats; Construction of 39 affordable sheltered flats comprising 35 x 1-bedroom and 4 x 2-bedroom, with communal facilities, landscaping and amended highway layout and access (MAJOR)

13/00644/HOUSE 33 Birling Drive Royal Tunbridge Wells, Pantiles & St Marks
- Single storey front extension. Single storey rear extension and roof extension with dormer windows (CA)

13/00700/HOUSE 24 Mountfield Gardens Royal Tunbridge Wells, Park
- Front, rear and side elevations; Exterior cladding and changes to fenestration; New detached garage (CA)

13/00648/REMMJ 1 - 66 Kemble Close 1 - 66 Silwood Close Lakeside 14 - 100 Greggs Wood Road, Sherwood
- Reserved Matters: Layout, Scale, Appearance, Landscaping and vehicular access of Phases 2 and 3 for construction of 120 units, including 41 affordable housing units for occupation by older people, 3 x retail units along Greggs Wood Road and associated works - pursuant to outline planning permission TW/12/00201 for demolition of 176 x 2 bed flats across 16 residential blocks including 3 x retail units and associated flats above and construction of up to 257 residential units for phases 1, 2, 3 and 4 (MAJOR)

13/00714/HOUSE 11 Sheffield Road Southborough, Southborough Town Council
- Single storey rear/side extension (CA)

(DEVPLN) Departure from the Development Plan (PROW) Affecting A Public Right of Way (CA) Affecting a Conservation Area (LB) Affecting a Listed Building (MAJOR) Major Applications (MAST) Mast Applications (EIA) Applications Accompanied by an EIA Statement.

You may view these applications on our website (www.tunbridgewells.gov.uk), at the The Old Fire Station, Stone Street, Cranbrook or at Gateway, 8 Grosvenor Road, Tunbridge Wells. We accept comments online, by email to planningcomments@tunbridgewells.gov.uk or in writing to the address below. Comments should be made within 21 days from the date of this notice, although we may accept them after this date.

You should quote the reference and be aware that we make all comments available for inspection, placing them on the file and publishing them on the internet. We do not publish signatures, telephone numbers or email addresses on the internet.

James Freeman Head of Planning Services,
Tunbridge Wells Borough Council
Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells TN1 1RS

Dated: 13 April 2013

Tunbridge Wells Borough Council

PUBLIC RIGHTS OF WAY & VILLAGE GREENS

PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF ASHFORD

HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(PUBLIC FOOTPATH AE110 (PART) AT WYE)
PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER 2013

The above named Order made on 19th March 2013 under Section 118 of the Highways Act 1980 will extinguish the entire width of that length of Public Footpath numbered AE110 which commences at its connection with Public Footpath AE111 at NGR TR 0545 4712 (point A on the Order plan) and runs north-westwards for 160 metres to its connection with Public Footpath AE62 at NGR TR 0538 4726 (point B on the Order plan). Between the points A-B on the Order plan.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Ashford Gateway Plus, Church Road, Ashford, Kent, TN23 1AS or at the Kent County Council, PROW & Access Service, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to Mrs Maria McLauchlan at the Kent County Council (address as below). (Tel: 01622 696871) (email: maria.mclauchlan@kent.gov.uk) before 13th May 2013. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

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If no such representations or objections are duly made to the Order (or to any part of it), or if any so made are withdrawn, the Kent County Council may confirm the Order as an unopposed Order. If the Order is sent to the Secretary of State for the Environment for confirmation any representations and objections which have not been withdrawn will be sent with the Order.

PROW - IN THE CITY OF CANTERBURY

NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE PUBLIC BRIDLEWAYS CB327 & CC46 IN THE CITY OF CANTERBURY

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(PUBLIC BRIDLEWAYS CB327 & CC46)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, Section 14(1), As Amended By The Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991

Kent County Council has made an Order the effect of which is to temporarily close Public Bridleways CB327 & CC46 from the 3rd April 2013.

Public Bridleway CB327 will be closed from its junction with Hode Lane (U11577) at NGR TR 175 561 to its junction with Public Bridleway CC46 at NGR TR 172 564 for a distance of approximately 428 metres.

Public Bridleway CC46 will be closed from its junction with Public Bridleway CB327 at NGR TR 172 564 to its junction with Pilgrims Way (U19190) at NGR TR 164 569 for a distance of approximately 980 metres.

The paths will be closed for a maximum of six months. However it is expected that the paths will be available when work schedules permit access.

The paths are to be closed because overhead power line refurbishment works are planned near them and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

There are no alternative routes.

For detailed enquiries please contact Louise Adams on 0845 3450210.

Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see:

http://www.kent.gov.uk/environment_and_planning/countryside_access/traffic_regulation_orders.aspx

PROW - IN THE DISTRICT OF GRAVESHAM

NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF AN ORDER TEMPORARILY CLOSING PUBLIC FOOTPATH NU5 IN THE DISTRICT OF GRAVESHAM

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH NU5)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 Section 14(1), As Amended By The Road Traffic (Temporary Restrictions) Act 1991

The Secretary of State for Transport has directed that the Order made by Kent County Council on the 5th November 2012, the effect of which was to prohibit all traffic from Public Footpath NU5 has been extended for a further 12 months until 4th May 2014.

The path is closed between Crete Hall Road and The Shore NGR TQ653 745.

The alternative route is via Crete Hall Road and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact Alison Andreassen on: 01732 872829 (option3)

Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see:

http://www.kent.gov.uk/environment_and_planning/countryside_access/traffic_regulation_orders.aspx

PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE

NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF AN ORDER TEMPORARILY CLOSING PUBLIC FOOTPATH KM4 IN THE PARISH OF TESTON

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH KM4)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2012

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

The Secretary of State for Transport has directed that the Order made by Kent County Council on the 11 October 2012 - the effect of which was to prohibit all traffic from Public Footpath KM4 - has been extended for a further 6 months until 11 October 2013 or until completion of the works, whichever is earlier.

The path is closed between NGR TQ 707 529 and NGR TQ 708 532 for a distance of approximately 400 metres.

The alternative route will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact David Munn on Tel: 0845 345 0210.

Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see:

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PROW - IN THE BOROUGH OF TONBRIDGE AND MALLING

NOTICE OF EXTENSION OF AN ORDER TEMPORARILY CLOSING PUBLIC FOOTPATH MR115 IN THE BOROUGH OF TONBRIDGE AND MALLING

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH MR115)
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

The Secretary of State for Transport has directed that the Order made by Kent County Council on the 1st November 2012, the effect of which was to prohibit all traffic from Public Footpath MR115 has been extended for a further 4 months until 31st August 2013, or completion of the works, which ever is sooner.

The path is closed between NGR TQ691 551 and NGR TQ692 553.

The alternative route is marked out on site and will be signed for the duration of the closure.

For detailed enquiries please contact Michele Snoding on: 01732 872829 (option3)

Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see:

http://www.kent.gov.uk/environment_and_planning countryside_access/traffic_regulation_orders.aspx

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NOTICE OF THE MAKING OF AN ORDER TO TEMPORARILY CLOSE BYWAY MR226 IN THE PARISH OF WROTHAM

BYWAY MR226
(PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 SECTION 14(1), AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Kent County Council has made an Order the effect of which is to temporarily close Byway MR226, between its junction with Pilgrims Way and its junction with Restricted Byway MR231 (New House Lane) at NGR TQ601 595 from the 11th April 2013.

The path will be closed for a maximum of six months, although it is expected that it will reopen before the end of May 2013.

The path will be closed because works are planned near it and there is a likelihood of danger to users.

There is no alternative route.

For detailed enquiries please contact Michele Snoding on 0845 3450210

Or for further details on temporary closures on the Rights of Way network see:

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HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(PUBLIC FOOTPATH MU12 (PART) AT TONBRIDGE)

PUBLIC PATH EXTINGUISHMENT ORDER 2013

The above named Order made on 19th March 2013 under Section 118 of the Highways Act 1980 will extinguish the entire width of that length of public footpath numbered MU12 which commences at its connection with London Road (B245) at NGR TQ 5822 4761 (point A on the Order plan) and runs north-north-eastwards for 104 metres to NGR TQ 5824 4771 (point B on the Order plan). Between the points A-B on the Order plan.

All directions general, all distances approximate.

A copy of the Order and the Map have been placed and may be seen free of charge at the Offices of Tonbridge & Malling Borough Council, Gibson Building, Gibson Drive, Kings Hill, West Malling, Kent, ME19 4YT or at the Kent County Council, PROW & Access Service, Invicta House, Maidstone, Kent, ME14 1XX. Copies of the Order and Map may be purchased there.

Any representation about or objection to the Order may be sent in writing to Mrs Maria McLauchlan at the Kent County Council (address as below). (Tel: 01622 696871) (email: maria.mclauchlan@kent.gov.uk) before 13th May 2013. Please state the grounds on which they are made.

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Kent County Council
Invicta House
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Kent
ME14 1XX **Dated: 14th April 2013**

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HIGHWAYS

HIGHWAYS - ASHFORD AREA

GREENSIDE, HIGH HALDEN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Greenside, High Halden, between 1 and 7 May 2013, excluding the weekend and Bank Holiday.

The road will be closed between 07:00 and 17:00 hours each day, and otherwise re-opened.

There is no alternative route as the road is a cul-de-sac.

Access will be maintained whenever it is safe to do so, but there are likely to be some delays and certain times when this is not possible, due to the nature of the works.

HIGHWAYS - CANTERBURY AREA

POUND LANE & ST RADIGUND'S STREET, CANTERBURY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway micro-surfacing works, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Pound Lane and St Radigund's Street, Canterbury, on or after 25 April 2013 for up to 1 day or until the works have been completed.

The roads will be closed from outside 16 Pound Lane as far as the junction with Knotts Lane.

The alternative route is via The Causeway, St Stephen's Road, B2248 Kingsmead Road, Northgate, (plus eastbound New Ruttington Lane, Union Place and Victoria Row), Borough and St Radigund's Street.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984
THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL
(ST DUNSTAN'S AREA, CANTERBURY)
(EXPERIMENTAL RESTRICTIONS) ORDER 2012

Notice is hereby given that Kent County Council, as local traffic authority, and after consultation with the chief officer of police, proposes to remove the following items from the Experimental Order with the approval of the Transportation Manager under Section 10(2) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as follows:

1. Prohibit all motor vehicles from passing beneath the West Gate.
2. Prohibit southeast bound traffic on St Dunstan's Street between Westgate Grove and St Peter's Place except for buses and taxis.
3. Restrict traffic passing to the side of the West Gate to single file by the use of traffic signals, allowing all vehicles to pass northwest bound and buses and taxis only southeast bound.
4. Restrict southeast bound traffic on lower St Dunstan's Street and southwest bound traffic on North Lane to buses, taxis, cycles and vehicles requiring access.
5. Close Pound Lane at its junction with St Dunstan's Street, except for cycles.
6. Introduce a 20mph speed limit in lower St Dunstan's Street, Linden Grove and the Whitehall Road area, North Lane and part of St Peter's Place.

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT, 1984

(REMOVAL OF ZEBRA CROSSINGS

STATION ROAD WEST, NORTH LANE AND ST PETER'S PLACE, CANTERBURY)

Notice is hereby given that Kent County Council, as local traffic authority, and after consultation with the chief officer of police, proposes to remove three crossings (Zebra) for pedestrians under Section 23 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, as follows:

STATION ROAD WEST

8 metres north east of the junction with St Dunstan's Street, Canterbury

NORTH LANE

26 metres north east of the junction with St Dunstan's Street, Canterbury

ST PETER'S PLACE

6 metres north east of the junction with Tower Way, Canterbury

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WOODGATE, BISHOPSBOURNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to refurbish the overhead electricity pylon network, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Woodgate, Bishopsbourne, on or after 29 April 2013, as shown below.

The actual closures are in the vicinity of where the electricity pylons cross the road, with access from either direction up to the point of closure.

Closures are planned as follows

29 April 2013 for up to 4 weeks

17 June 2013 for up to 4 weeks

The alternative route is via Pett Bottom Road, Westwood Road and Pheasant's Hall Road.

HIGHWAYS - DARTFORD AREA

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(POWDER MILL LANE, DARTFORD) (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) ORDER 2013

The Kent County Council in exercise of their powers under Sections 81; 82; 83; and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984, proposes to make an Order to:-

Introduce a Prohibition of Driving restriction on Powder Mill Lane, Dartford from a point 136 metres east of its junction with Greenbanks for a distance of 19 metres in an easterly direction.

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be examined between 8.30am and 5pm on Mondays to Fridays at Sessions House, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ or Ashford Highway Depot, 4 Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, Kent TN24 8AD.

Any person wishing to support or object to the making of the Order should do so in writing by 7th May 2013 to Miss Kerry Prescott, KCC Highways and Transportation, Ashford Highway Depot, 4 Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, Kent TN24 8AD, or by email to TRO@kent.gov.uk

HIGHWAYS - DOVER AREA

SHEERWATER ROAD, ASH (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to replace telegraph poles, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Sheerwater Road, Ash, on or after 29 April 2013 for up to 2 days, between 09:30 and 15:30 hours each day.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Hoaden Lane and Wass Drove.

The alternative route is via Ware Road, Knell Lane, A257 Ash Bypass, Nash Road, Hoaden Lane and Sheerwater Road.

TOWER HAMLETS ROAD, DOVER (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Tower Hamlets Road, Dover, on or after 14 April 2013 as shown below.

Closures are planned for the Sundays of 14 April, 21 April and 28 April 2013, between 08:00 and 18:00 hours each day.

The road will be closed between the junctions with London Road and East Street, with no through access between Elms Vale Road and London Road.

The alternative routes are

Northbound (towards London Road) via Tower Street, Astor Avenue, Eaton Road, Elms Vale Road, B2011 Folkestone Road, A256 Priory Road and High Street

Southbound (towards Elms Vale Road) via Bridge Street, A256 Charlton Green, Maison Dieu Road, Pencester Road, B2011 Folkestone Road, Elms Vale Road, Eaton Road, Astor Avenue and Tower Street

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WEST STREET, DEAL (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on West Street, Deal, on or after 14 April 2013 as shown below.

Closures are planned for the Sundays of 14, 21 & 28 April 2013, between the hours of 16:00 hours and 23:00 hours each day.

An overnight closure is planned for Monday 22 April 2013 between 19:00 hours and midnight; the road will be closed at the junction with Queen Street

There will be no through access between Queen Street and Western Road using West Street.

The alternative route is via A258 London Road, Albert Road, Western Road and West Street.

HIGHWAYS - GRAVESHAM AREA

PARROCK STREET GRAVESEND (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of construction of new 20mph traffic calmed Zone, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Parrock Street Gravesend, on or after 15th April 2013 for up to 6 weeks or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from the junction with lord Street to the junction with Home Mead Close.

The alternative route is via Lord Street, Wrotham Road Old Road West, Old Road East, Rochester Road, East Milton Road, Milton Road and Parrock Street.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

(VARIOUS ROADS, THE BOROUGH OF GRAVESHAM) (20MPH, 30MPH, 40MPH, 50MPH SPEED LIMITS AND DERESRICTED ROADS) AMENDMENT NO 2 CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2013

The Kent County Council in exercise of their powers under Sections 81; 82; 83; and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984, proposes to make an Order to:-

Replace the existing 50mph speed limits on the A227 with 40mph speed limits between:

- Meopham and Istead Rise

and

- Istead rise and the A2 over bridge

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be examined between 8.30am and 5pm on Mondays to Fridays at Sessions House, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ or Ashford Highway Depot, 4 Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, Kent TN24 8AD.

Any person wishing to support or object to the making of the Order should do so in writing by 7th May 2013 to Miss Kerry Prescott, KCC Highways and Transportation, Ashford Highway Depot, 4 Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, Kent TN24 8AD, or by email to TRO@kent.gov.uk

HIGHWAYS- MAIDSTONE AREA

EGERTON ROAD, MAIDSTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING & SUSPENSION OF ONE-WAY ORDER) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to construct foul and storm water manholes, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Egerton Road, Maidstone, on or after 15 April 2013 for up to 1 week or until the works have been completed. The One-Way Traffic Order will also be suspended.

The road will be closed from outside number 2 to 44.

The alternative route is via Calder Road.

FAIRBOURNE LANE, HARRIETSHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to connect a water supply to the main, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Fairbourne Lane, Harrietsham, on or after 29 April 2013 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside "The Oast".

The alternative route is via A20 Ashford Road, East Street, Sandway Road, Headcorn Road, Lenham Road.

(PEEL STREET, BOROUGH OF MAIDSTONE)

(SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR) ORDER 2013
ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984

The Kent County Council, acting as the local traffic authority and in exercise of their powers under sections 1(1), 2 (1) to 3, 3 (2), 4 (1) and (2) 32 (1), 45, 46, 49 and 53 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984, and of all other enabling powers, after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the said Act of 1984, hereby makes the following Order:

The Kent County Council (Peel Street, Borough of Maidstone) (School Keep Clear) Order 2013 shall have effect in the Schedule as though -

SCHEDULE

PROHIBITION OF STOPPING ON SCHOOL KEEP CLEAR MARKINGS MONDAY TO FRIDAY BETWEEN 8:15AM AND 15:45PM

Peel Street	Western side	Across the entrance to the North Borough Junior School.

The Order shall come into force on Monday 15th day of April 2013.

Full details are contained in the Order which together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the Order and a statement of reasons for making the Order may be examined on Mondays to Fridays at Sessions House, Maidstone ME14 1XQ, between 8.30am and 5.00pm and at Maidstone Borough Council Offices, The Gateway, King Street, Maidstone during normal opening times.

Any person wishing to question the validity of the Order or any of the provisions contained therein on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the relevant enabling Act or that any requirement of any such enabling Act or of any regulations made thereunder have not been complied with may within 6 weeks from the date on which the Order was made make application to the High Court for this purpose.

PILGRIMS WAY, DETLING/THURNHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to install a new electric supply, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Pilgrims Way, Detling/Thurnham on or after 29 April 2013 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from Queens Way to Thurnham Lane.

The alternative route is via Thurnham Lane, Ware Street, Hockers Lane, The Street.

HIGHWAYS - SEVENOAKS AREA

FORGE LANE, WEST KINGSDOWN (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of new water connection, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Forge Lane, West Kingsdown, Sevenoaks, on or after 29th April 2013 for up to 5 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed outside no 28 Forge Lane up to High Leighs. There will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via A20 London Road, Fawkham Road, Brandshatch Road, Rogers Wood Lane, Crowhurst Lane.

MAPLESCOMBE LANE, FARNINGHAM (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of BT works accessing overhead network cabling for new customer connection, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Maplescombe Lane, Farningham, Sevenoaks, on or after 1st May 2013 for up to 2 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed opposite Maple Cottage for 200 metres and there will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via Donkey Lane, A20 London Road, Botsom Lane.

STATION APPROACH, SWANLEY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of a standing mobile crane on the highway to lift substation equipment onto the railway, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Station Approach, Swanley, Sevenoaks, on or after 29th April 2013 for up to 4 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed for 60metres of Station Approach from the junction with Goldsel Road. There

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will be no access for through traffic at this location.

The alternative route is via Goldsel Road, Azalea Drive, Station Approach.

HIGHWAYS - SHEPWAY AREA

CLUBBS LANE & TILLERY LANE, BROOKLAND (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

For the safety of road users following carriageway subsidence, Kent County Council has made an Order

prohibiting through traffic on Clubbs Lane and Tillery Lane, Brookland, on or after 15 April 2013 as shown below.

Both roads have been closed following a carriageway collapse, and need to remain closed until permanent repairs can be carried out. It is not yet known how long this will be.

CLUBBS LANE (BEACON LANE), BROOKLAND

The section closed is between Hook Lane / Hook Wall, running alongside Clubb's Lane Sewer to the T-Junction with the remainder of Clubbs Lane.

The alternative route is via Hook Wall and Clubbs Lane

TILLERY LANE, BROOKLAND

The section closed is between the junctions with Clubbs Lane and Barnhouse Lane.

The alternative route is via Clubbs Lane and Barnhouse Lane.

This Order can remain in force for up to 18 months, but will cease to have effect once repairs can be completed and the roads re-opened.

FLEMING WAY, FOLKESTONE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to install a new fibre optic cabinet for broadband upgrades, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Fleming Way, Folkestone, on or after 15 April 2013 for up to 10 days, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed from number 55 to the junction with George Gurr Crescent.

The alternative route is via Montgomery Way and George Gurr Crescent.

There will be a suspension of the One-way Traffic Order up to the point of closure, to allow access.

JEFFERSTONE LANE, ST MARY'S BAY (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway micro-surfacing works, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Jefferstone Lane, St Mary's Bay, on or after 20 April 2013 for up to 2 days, between 07:00 hours and 19:00 hours each day.

Further closures will be needed for up to 2 days, within 2 weeks of the micro-surfacing for re-alignment of covers, with the dates to be signposted on site and advised locally.

The road will be closed between the junction with Laurel Avenue and the National Speed Limit signs.

The alternative route is via A259 Dymchurch Road, St Mary's Road and Jefferstone Lane.

TWISS AVENUE, HYTHE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Twiss Avenue, Hythe, on or after 20 April 2013 for up to 1 day, between 07:00 hours and 19:00 hours.

A further one-day closure will be needed for re-alignment of covers, within 2 weeks of the micro-surfacing, with the date to be signposted on site and advised locally.

The road will be closed for its entire length.

There is no alternative route as the road is a cul-de-sac.

Every effort will be made to maintain access whenever it is safe to do so, but there are likely to be some delays and certain times when this is not possible, due to the use of machinery.

HIGHWAYS - SWALE AREA

BELL ROAD, CROWN QUAY LANE & HIGHSTED ROAD, SITTINGBOURNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Bell Road, Crown Quay Lane & Highsted Road, Sittingbourne, on or after 16 April 2013, as shown below.

Closures will be between 19:00 hours through until 05:00 hours each night.

BELL ROAD, SITTINGBOURNE will be closed between High Street and Avenue of Remembrance.

Closures are planned for the nights of 17, 22 & 23 April 2013

Alternative route via Crown Quay Lane, A2 St Michael's Road, A2 Dover Street, Park Road, Albany Road and Avenue of Remembrance (and vice versa using West Street, St Michaels Road and Dover Street)

CROWN QUAY LANE, SITTINGBOURNE will be closed between High Street and A2 St Michael's Road.

Closures are planned for the nights of 16, 19 & 24 April 2013

Alternative route via A2 St Michael's Road, A2 Dover Street, Park Road, Albany Road, Avenue of Remembrance and Bell Road (and vice versa using West Street, St Michael's Road and Dover Street)

HIGHSTED ROAD, SITTINGBOURNE - closed at the junction with Bell Road, on 18 April 2013

Alternative route via Highsted Road, Brenchley Road and Bell Road

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LYDBROOK CLOSE, SITTINGBOURNE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Lydbrook Close, Sittingbourne, on or after 21 April 2013 for up to 1 day, between 07:00 and 19:00 hours.

The road will be closed for its entire length.

There is no alternative route as the road is a cul-de-sac.

Every effort will be made to maintain access whenever it is safe to do so, but there are likely to be some delays and certain times when this is not possible, due to the use of machinery.

HIGHWAYS - THANET AREA

COTTAGE ROAD, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide a new gas supply, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Cottage Road, Ramsgate, on or after 29 April 2013 for up to 3 days, or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed between the junctions with Wellington Crescent and Albion Mews.

The alternative route is via Abbot's Hill, Albion Place, B2054 Madeira Walk and Cottage Road.

KING STREET, RAMSGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on King Street, Ramsgate, on or after 19 April 2013 for up to 1 night, between 18:00 hours and midnight.

King Street will be closed between Plains of Waterloo and Broad Street.

The alternative route is via King Street, Sussex Street, Hardres Street, Brunswick Street, Turner Street and Broad Street (and vice versa, using Broad Street and Hardres Street in reverse)

The One-way Traffic Orders in respect of the following roads will be suspended during these works, when indicated by the appropriate signage, to allow their use in the diversion

BRUNSWICK STREET for its entire length

BROAD STREET between the junctions with King Street and Turner Street

KING STREET between the junctions with Brunswick Street and Broad Street

HARDRES STREET between the junctions with Brunswick Street and Sussex Street

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PARK PLACE, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of works to provide water connections to 7 new houses, Kent County Council intends to make an Order prohibiting through traffic on Park Place, Margate, on or after 29 April 2013 for up to 3 days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed in the vicinity of properties 24-25.

The alternative route is via Grosvenor Gardens, Churchfields, High Street and Grosvenor Hill.

The Prohibition of Driving and One-way Traffic Orders in respect of High Street, Margate will be suspended, between the junctions with Mill Lane and Grosvenor Hill.

SEAMARK CLOSE, MONKTON & ST LUKE'S CLOSE, WESTGATE ON SEA (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because of carriageway repairs and resurfacing, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Seamark Close, Monkton & St Luke's Close, Westgate On Sea, on or after 15 April 2013 as shown below.

SEAMARK CLOSE, MONKTON - closed for its entire length, from the junction with Monkton Street, on 15 April 2013

ST LUKE'S CLOSE, WESTGATE ON SEA - closed for its entire length, from the junction with Lymington Road, on 16 April 2013

Closures are between 07:00 hours and 19:00 hours for each location.

Both roads are cul-de-sacs, with no alternative routes.

Every effort will be made maintain access whenever it is safe to do so, but there are likely to be some delays and various times when this is not possible, due to the use of machinery.

WESTBROOK ROAD, MARGATE (PROHIBITION OF WAITING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

For the safety of the workforce and public during site construction works, Kent County Council has made an Order to prohibit waiting on Westbrook Road, Margate, on or after 15 April 2013 for up to 1 year, or until the works have been completed.

Waiting will be prohibited on the west side of the north section of Westbrook Road, from a point opposite the northern boundary of number 15, northwards for a distance of 82 metres.

These restrictions apply from Monday to Friday each week, between 08:00 hours and 18:00 hours, when the relevant signs are displayed on site.

HIGHWAYS - TONBRIDGE AND MALLING

GILLETTS LANE, EAST MALLING, TONBRIDGE & MALLING (PROHIBITION OF DRIVING) TEMPORARY ORDER 2013

THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 AS AMENDED BY THE ROAD TRAFFIC (TEMPORARY RESTRICTIONS) ACT 1991

Because it is necessary to install new mains and gas service, Kent County Council has made an Order prohibiting through traffic on Gilletts Lane, East Malling, Tonbridge & Malling, on or after 15 April 2013 for up to 10 Days or until the works have been completed.

The road will be closed at the junction with Wateringbury Road.

The alternative route is via Chapel Street, The Rocks Road, Gilletts Lane.

THE KENT COUNTY COUNCIL

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AMENDMENT NO. 5 CONSOLIDATION ORDER 2013

The Kent County Council in exercise of their powers under Sections 81; 82; 83; and 84 of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 and of all other enabling powers, and after consultation with the chief officer of police in accordance with Part III of Schedule 9 to the Act of 1984, proposes to make an Order to:-

Replace the existing 50mph speed limit on the A227 with 40mph speed limits between the A20 London Road and a point 208 metres southwest of Vigo Road

Full details are contained in the draft Order which, together with the relevant plans, any Orders amended by the proposals and a statement of reasons for proposing to make the Order, may be examined between 8.30am and 5pm on Mondays to Fridays at Sessions House, Maidstone, ME14 1XQ or Ashford Highway Depot, 4 Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, Kent TN24 8AD.

Any person wishing to support or object to the making of the Order should do so in writing by 7th May 2013 to Miss Kerry Prescott, KCC Highways and Transportation, Ashford Highway Depot, 4 Javelin Way, Henwood Industrial Estate, Ashford, Kent TN24 8AD, or by email to TRO@kent.gov.uk

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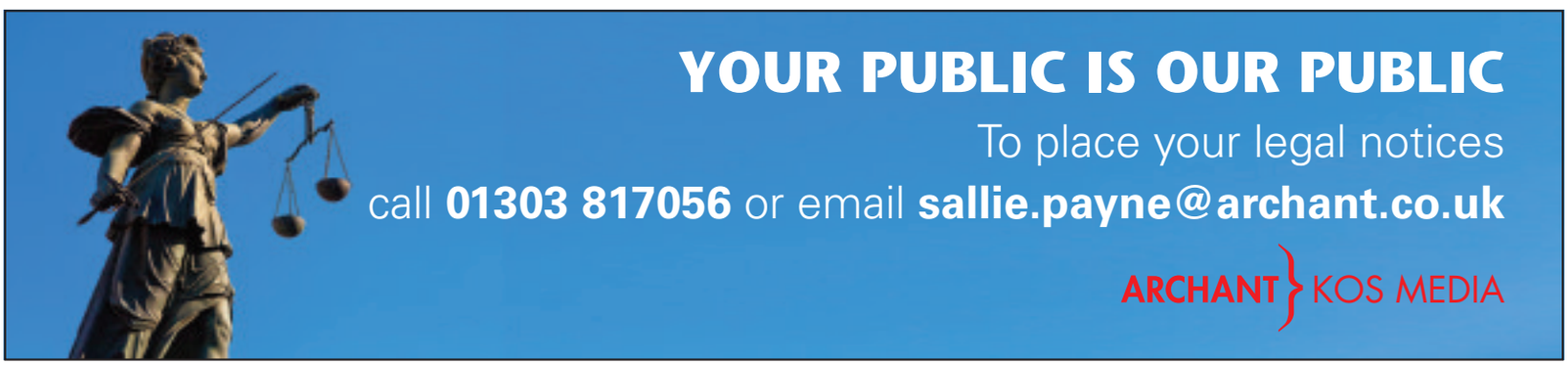

CRICKET

Fulton backs Tredders and Kent for successful season

COLES TO BOUNCE BACK

MATT Coles could be Kent's star man this season – if he returns to the form and promise he showed at the start of last season and keeps disciplined.

The 22-year-old (pictured) established his name as an all-rounder in the opening county championship match of last season as he hit his maiden century against Yorkshire. His 103 came from just 111 balls.

He also took 52 wickets in the championship at an average of 22, finishing second only to Charlie Shreck, who took 55.

It earned him call-ups to the England Lions squad throughout the season and during last winter. However his last tour with the international side, to Australia in February, did not end well.

He, along with Durham all-rounder Ben Stokes, were sent home for persistent breaches of curfews, but former Kent stalwart Dave Fulton feels he will bounce back and play a key part.

"Matt Coles will be an interesting one, he has been read the riot act by the England side," he said. "How he responds will be important. He is potentially their star man with bat and ball. I don't know how he's going to respond. But he's got all the ability and a lot to prove."

Coles is one of several young players who need to build on a successful season, with Sam Northeast becoming the leading run-scorer last term, and Sam Billings doing the same in both the CB40 and T20 formats.

By Greg Miles
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A CHILLY morning with clouds threatening rain welcomed the players onto the St Lawrence pitch on Wednesday as first class cricket returned for the new season.

The pre-season fixture against Cardiff MCCU once again highlighted perhaps the folly of such an early start to the season given the late arrival of spring, but there was much for the loyal fan to take heart from.

In particular, was the maiden first class century of Daniel Bell-Drummond, who hit an impressive 102 to underline his potential as a future star in the making.

And, indeed, there is a sense of cautious optimism around the Canterbury headquarters as the squad prepares to do battle in the second season under the guidance of West Indies legend Jimmy Adams.

With James Tredwell set to lead the club for the first time, after taking over as captain from Rob Key over the winter, there is a sense that success, as well as spring, could be in the air.

Speaking ahead of Wednesday's County Championship Division Two opener at Leicestershire, former Kent skipper Dave Fulton believes Tredwell has all the credentials needed to mount a challenge on all fronts.

He told KoS: "I am sure he will do a very good job.

"The county is in very safe, solid, hands where Tredders is concerned. He's also got a good core of experienced people around him.

"He's had his ups and downs in his career which is important so you can empathise with people, so he understands the pressures players face. That can help ensure they play at their best. I'm sure he will do well."

The 2012 campaign was beset with weather woes as nine of Kent's 16 County Championship matches ended in draws, blunting their hopes of promotion, as they finished third. In limited overs competitions, they failed to set the world alight in either the CB40 or T20 competitions.

While the fans dream of silverware, confidence should come from the continual emergence of the likes of Bell-Drummond and Sam Northeast. If they can flourish alongside the experienced players in the team, this could yet prove to be a successful summer.

With West Indian Brendan Nash set to be registered as a Kolpak player there is still the opportunity to bring in an overseas star. All-rounder Azhar Mahmood could fit that bill, with the county holding first option on the Pakistani.

GOOD COACH: Jimmy Adams

EXPERIENCE COUNTS

WHILE much has been made of Kent's young prospects, the old guard have an essential role to play in the season ahead.

The side has a solid core of experienced pros in the likes of new skipper James Tredwell and the man he replaced – Rob Key.

With the weight of responsibility that captaincy brings now lifted, Key could well go on to flourish.

Alongside him, wicketkeeper Geraint Jones has years of experience as vice captain, and last season's new recruits, bowlers Mark Davies and Charlie Shreck (pictured) have plenty to offer.

Former skipper Dave Fulton believes them pivotal to the side's success.

"If they keep their bowling attack fit with the likes of Shrecky, Davies and Matt Coles, they will go close to getting promoted," he said.

"If they miss one or two that could really hit them.

"The batters should score runs. I expect Rob Key to have a good year.

"He's looked as fit as I have seen him.

"It will be hard for him having given up the captaincy, but he seems to have got his head around that.

"Sam Northeast has got the pedigree and Daniel Bell-Drummond and Sam Billings are two very exciting cricketers. It's just a case of managing expectation levels with both of them."

Stevens can do the business in Twenty20

DARREN Stevens has been backed to continue his fine form in the limited-overs game.

Stevens' explosive batting and wicket-taking have seen him become one of the country's most feared threats in the Twenty20 and 40-over format, this year rebranded the Yorkshire Bank 40.

Stevens (pictured right) made 197 runs at an average of 28, and took 20 wickets in the CB40, while averaging 25 in hitting 215 runs, and taking six wickets in the T20.

Former Kent captain Dave Fulton is not optimistic about their chances of glory in the limited overs game, but with Stevens firing on all cylinders he says they could spring a surprise.

"There will be some big guys floating around the Kent squad for the T20 who could impact in a big way. That will be a big card to play should they want to play it," he said. "With the likes of Darren Stevens – who is one of the best limited overs players – anything could happen.

"They have a more sprightly look to their side in the field with Daniel Bell-Drummond and Sam Billings as well. I wouldn't expect them to reach the finals though.

"In 40-over cricket they are better placed. There are more dynamic players out there in terms of T20 cricket, but in terms of 40 over one-day innings, they are very adept and can get 100s."

■ **Kent's first YB40 game is against Warwickshire at Edgbaston on May 6.**

OPPORTUNITY: Formula 4 star Simon Rudd (right) with legendary John Surtees

MOTORSPORT

Karting ace has Formula 4 chance

A FORMER karting champ from Rochester is pinning his hopes on the new BRDC Formula 4 championship to help him rise up through the ranks and fulfill his dreams.

Simon Rudd has joined the Motionsport team and is now preparing for the start of the season which revs up later this month.

The single-seater, open-wheel series was unveiled in the winter by Brands Hatch owners Motorsport Vision (MSV). It is the latest to be touted as a springboard into the ultra-competitive world of Formula One.

The 23-year-old made his name on the karting circuit, particularly the gruelling 24-hour races.

Last year, he secured a test drive in a Formula Renault Eurocup car by finishing second in the Henry Surtees Foundation race at Chatham's Buckmore Park.

The race was named in memory of the late son of Kent motorsport legend John Surtees, who was killed in a freak accident during a race at Brands Hatch.

Rudd said: "I'm really excited and grateful to Motionsport for giving me this opportunity. Formula 4 was my main plan for this season. With it being a new series it's more of a level playing field.

"It's difficult to have any expectations at the moment but I'm looking forward to driving the car and I'd like to be competitive and make an impact."

He will race alongside 16-year-old Ross Gunn for the team this season, which starts at Silverstone on April 27/28, and comes to Brands Hatch on May 18/19.

Team principal Simon Phillips said: "The cars are impressive and the team at MSV have done a great job of showing us around them.

"We're now looking forward to getting some useful testing under our belts with Ross and Simon before the first round."

■ **Visit www.formula4.com to find out more.**

FOOTBALL

Hess proud of Gills' promotion, but uncertain about own future

By Greg Miles
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YOUTH coach, match-day hospitality stalwart, scout, and contract negotiator; Andy Hessenthaler's had a busy season behind the scenes of Gillingham's promotion campaign.

But there is one thing the former Gillingham boss misses the most – team management. And he admits he has turned down chances this season to return to the dug-out.

And he hints it may not be too long before he steps out of the shirt and tie and back into a tracksuit to return to the part of the game he loves the most.

Yet he remains thoroughly committed to the Gills, a club with which he has become synonymous and enjoyed success with over the years as both a player and player-manager.

He also says the club's promotion will make the club "more attractive" to Premier League outfits when it comes to loaning out rising stars.

"I would be lying if I said I don't miss the coaching side of things," he tells KoS this week after watching the Gills clinch promotion last weekend.

"I love coaching and managing. Martin Allen has been good and let me come to training and get involved with the development squad.

"It took a little bit of time to settle into the role. As you can imagine, it wasn't easy.

"As for what the future holds for me, I need to have a conversation with the chairman.

"I have had a couple of opportunities to go back into management or coaching at clubs I won't name.

"That's something, if I'm being honest, I would like to do. I do envisage myself getting back into managing if the right opportunity came along."

After stepping down at the end of last season, following two unsuccessful shots at promotion, he took up the offer of chairman Paul Scally to become the director of football at Priestfield, taking on an ambassadorial role with Scally spending much of his time living in Dubai.

He watched on as his successor guided the Gills to promotion at his first attempt.

However, he feels he has played his part. He signed, for example, Danny Kedwell who netted the promotion-winning goal in the 1-0 win over Torquay United last Saturday.

"I was very proud last Saturday.

"What was nice was I got a bit of recognition from the fans and that was very humbling.

"Gillingham has been a big part of my life. Last year was disappointing because I didn't get to take it on again.

"But it's about Gillingham Football Club. It's not about me or anybody else.

"Obviously, I wanted to be the manager, but the chairman felt he needed to make a change.

"I wasn't happy about it, but I understood it."

He sees an exciting future for the club he's managed twice and played more than 300 games for.

"We want to kick on now, we want to keep the momentum going. We don't want to stand still.

"Hopefully, with the new stadium plans the chairman is working on (see news pages) that can happen.

"A lot of people talk about consolidating, but we have got to push on and take the step up to the next level."

One thing that has changed at the club this season is how the scouting network has expanded, with Hess playing a key part in building up a portfolio of clubs and players, both at home and abroad.

It has taken a step on from the work he started last year when Argentinian keeper Paulo Gazzaniga signed on a free transfer before he was sold on to Southampton in the summer for a significant profit.

Adds Hess: "I have seen a lot of games this season: in the league above, in the Conference and a lot of Premier League under-21 games.

"We have put ourselves on the map again. We become more attractive as a football club to Premier League clubs who are looking to let players go out on loan.

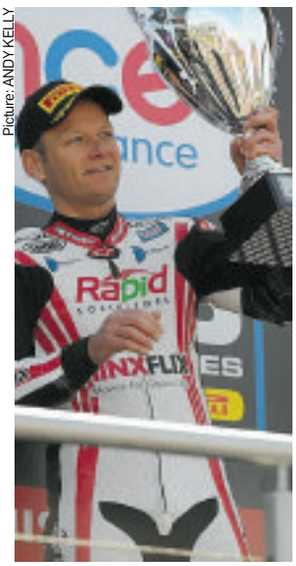
"There's more chance of them coming to us. Developing those relationships and bringing in players has been a real strong point this year.

"Spotting players is important for a club like Gillingham. We are not a selling club, but everybody has got their price."

Picture: ADY KERRY

MANAGEMENT: Andy Hessenthaler admits he has turned down offers to become a coach again

Picture: ANDY KELLY



LEADER: Byrne on top of standings

MOTORSPORT

Byrne eyes record-breaking victory as he starts title defence in winning style

SHANE 'Shakey' Byrne began the defence of his British Superbike Championship title in imperious form at his home circuit of Brands Hatch.

The 36-year-old from Sheppey took pole in qualifying for the first race – which he went on to win – before claiming third place in race two on the Indy track.

It means the Rapid Solicitors Kawasaki rider leads the standings with 41 points, and is within one race win of equalling Ryuichi Kiyonari's all-time record number of BSB race wins of 43. Byrne will have the opportunity to overtake that record at Hampshire track Thruxton this weekend.

In race one, he shadowed Australian Josh Brookes during the early stages before making his move at the halfway point, and edged away from Alex Lowes to clinch the win by just over a second.

In race two he followed a similar pattern, and chased down James Ellison, making his move with three laps to go.

However, he ran wide and was forced onto the grass, recovering in time to cross the line in third.

Byrne said: "It's nice to get the first two races and pre-season nerves out of the way, and to come away with a first and a third is a good start. I'm happy with how it's gone.

"The first race couldn't have been any better to be fair, and once I decided to make my move I was able to open up a bit of a cushion over Alex [Lowes].

"I was biding my time in the second race as well and thought James had presented me with an opportunity, but he tipped in earlier than I anticipated and it was very close.

"Luckily, we had a gap to the rest of the field and I was able to rejoin in third so, with a win and a third, and a one-point championship lead, its all been good."

Lowes who finished second in both outings, is a point behind Byrne in the standings, while Josh Brookes is third with 27.

■ **Next weekend, April 20-21, Brands Hatch hosts the second round of the British Truck Racing Championship.**

FOOTBALL

Larkin gets in the Wembley way

THE reality of Tunbridge Wells' appearance at Wembley is much clearer for boss Martin Larkin following a trip to the stadium last week.

Larkin and club officials had a tour around the ground last Friday, as part of their preparation for the FA Vase final against Spennymoor Town on May 4.

It was decided both sides will play in their home kits while Tunbridge Wells will use the 'west' changing room – the same side of the ground their fans will be congregated on.

Explained Larkin: "It was pretty impressive in there. It really takes your breath away."

Wells take on fellow Kent League side Lordswood in the Kent Senior Trophy final this Sunday at Tonbridge Angels' Longmead Stadium, and Larkin is putting his squad rotation skills to the test to stave off injuries.

"We have got this Kent Senior Cup final to get out of the way on Sunday," he said.

"We have a couple of injuries, but will make a decision about that on the day. We have pretty much two teams on the go at the moment."

The club have so far sold more than 6,000 tickets for their end.

Last season's final attracted just 5,126 fans when Duntston UTS beat West Auckland Town 2-0.

■ **Tickets for the final are priced at £15 for adults and £5 for children under 16. Visit www.thefa.com/tickets or phone 0844 980 0656.**

FOOTBALL

Brickies on move

RYMAN One South side Sittingbourne have decided to move away from the Central Park complex in order to survive.

The club originally built the main stadium in 1990 after selling their Bull Ground home, before financial difficulties forced them to sell the ground to the local council, finally shifting to a training pitch alongside the venue.

However, they have now decided to share Kent League side Woodstock Sports' ground – the WE Manin Stadium – more than three miles away. as of next season.

Their academy will also make the move.

Brickies chairman Andy Spice said: "It is anticipated that by joining forces we will be able to guarantee the future and indeed the growth of both clubs."

Woodstock's ground has recently had a 150 seater stand and an 80-seat capacity roofed terrace installed.

CRICKET

Freeman tributes

KENT County Cricket Club is mourning the death of Douglas Percy Freeman.

Freeman died in Bristol at the age of 96 on April 3.

He was the county's last surviving pre-war player.

The left-handed batsman played for Kent once in 1937, and was nephew of county legend Tich Freeman.

The oldest cricketer now alive is Tom Pritchard who was born on March 10, 1917 but didn't play for Kent until 1956.

A funeral service will be held at Canford Crematorium on April 22, at 3pm.

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